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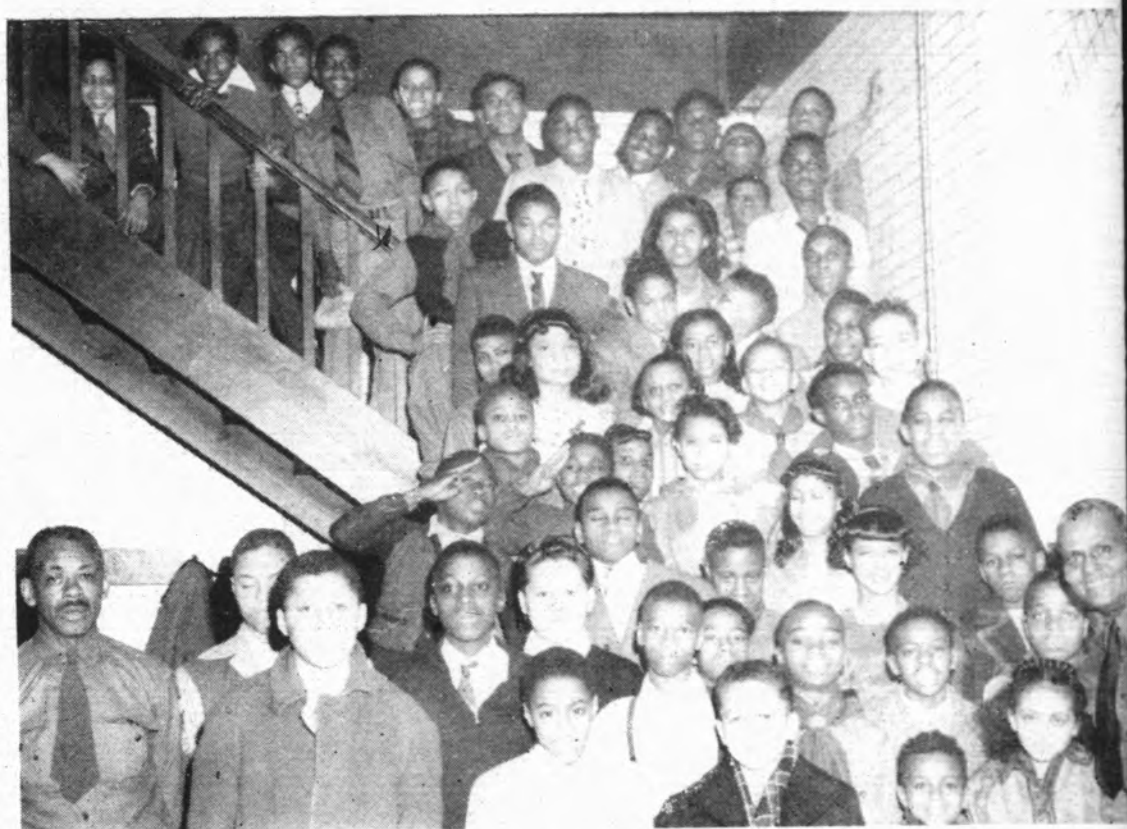
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The Favored One

GIRALDA FORBES

When Jesus lay, a Baby,
On the straw in Bethlehem,
The shepherds came to see Him,
And Mary welcomed them,

While angels made a glory
All around about His head,
And the very straw gleamed golden,
Like the greatest monarch's bed.

And there came three Kings to greet
Him,

They were wise, and they were old;
And they brought Him gifts of
spices,

And a chalice made of gold,

And one was white, a Persian,
Another one was brown,
And one had skin of satin black,
A King of great renown,

And the little Infant Jesus
Loved him most, because He smiled,

When the dark King took Him in
his arms,
And blessed the Holy Child.





PROGRESS ON THE NEGRO MISSION FRONT

St. Benedict the Moor Church, Grambling La.

CLARENCE J. HOWARD, S.V. D.

- 1946 Mission gains include
- Two Hospitals and two Clinics
- Fourteen new Missions and seven Schools

During the year of 1946 fourteen new Negro missions, seven new schools, two hospitals and two clinics, were added to the expanding Negro Apostolate in this country. Most of this mission expansion was centered in the six states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, North and South Carolina. An increased interest in the work of the Catholic Church among Negroes was noticeable. It is estimated that, including births and conversions, an average of about 43 Negroes per day became members of the Catholic Church during 1946.

Despite the fact that labor and building material were harder to get last year than they were even during the war, new churches were built by the Josephite Fathers in Terrell, Texas, by the Trinitarian Fathers in Ofahoma, Miss., by the Oratorian Fathers in Rock Hill, S. C., by the Redemptorist Fathers in McAlester, Okla., by the Fathers of the Divine Word in Jackson, Miss., and by the Franciscan Fathers in Grambling, La. In Americus, Ga., the Franciscan Fathers remodeled a frame house to serve as a mission church for Negroes who form over half of the

town's population of 10,000. The Divine Word Fathers built a combination church, school and rectory under the patronage of St. Jules in Franklin, La.

Due to population shifts, St. Brigid's Church in Indianapolis, Ind., and Holy Angels Church and School in Chicago, Ill., were given over entirely for the use of colored Catholics.

Besides the schools in Franklin, La., and Chicago, Ill., mentioned above, new Catholic schools for Negroes were also established in the following places: Holy Child Jesus Primary School in Canton, Miss., St. Benedict the Moor School in Winston-Salem, N. C., Our Lady Help of Christians School in Bastrop, La., St. Anthony's School in Dallas, Texas, and St. Madeleine-Sophie Barat School in Lumberton, N. C. A large new and modern school building was erected in the City of St. Jude, Montgomery, Ala.

Our Lady of Angels Maternity Hospital was opened in Pensacola, Fla., in March of last year. It has a capacity of twenty beds, and is staffed by the Franciscan Sisters of Glen Riddle, Pa. The large St.

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Elizabeth's Hospital in Houston, Texas, was erected last year, and staffed by the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception from Paterson, N. J. A 78-bed addition to Good Samaritan Hospital, Selma, Ala., was built by the Edmundite Fathers. The addition is a two-story brick building, 128 feet by 55 feet. The first floor will be used as a home for old folks, with a capacity of about thirty persons. Good Samaritan Hospital, which is staffed by Sisters of St. Joseph from Rochester, N. Y., now has a total of 128 beds.

A new community of Sisters entered the Colored Mission field last year when the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word (San Antonio, Texas) started construction of a 75-

bed hospital for Negroes in Beaumont, Texas, in October. It is estimated that this modern hospital will cost around \$400,000.

Several Sisterhoods engaged in Negro mission work broadened the scope of their labors during 1946.

The Sisters of the Holy Family (New Orleans, La.) began working in the Diocese of Alexandria, La., for the first time when they opened the newly built Our Lady Help of Christians School in Bastrop, La., and took over the direction of Holy Ghost School in Marksville, La.

The Franciscan Sisters of Allegheny, N. Y., opened St. Benedict the Moor School in Winston-Salem, N. C. The Franciscan Sisters of Milwaukee, Wis., took over Holy Angels School in Chicago, Ill. The



SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY

This Community is now teaching in the schools of the Diocese of Alexandria, La., for the first time

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SAINT MATHILDA'S SCHOOL AND AUDITORIUM

Eunice, La.

The school is
staffed by
Sisters of the
Blessed
Sacrament
and
lay teachers



Sisters Adorers of the Most Precious Blood (Columbia, Pa.) opened St. Madeleine-Sophie Barat School in Lumberton, N. C. The Sisters of the Holy Ghost (San Antonio, Tex.) opened St. Anthony's School in Dallas, Texas. The Ursuline Sisters of Louisville, Ky., took over Sacred Heart School, Sulphur Springs, Miss., and added the first year of high school. This is the beginning of the tenth Catholic high school for Negroes in Mississippi.

The Missionary Sisters Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity (Holmesburg, Pa.) opened the Holy Child Jesus School in Canton, Miss. They also conduct a small clinic. A Catholic medical clinic was opened in San Diego, Calif., in connection with the Mission of Christ the King.

New Negro missions opened during the past year are:

Diocesan Clergy: Holy Angels Church, Chicago, Ill., and St. Brigid's Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

Josephite Fathers: St. Mary Magdalen's Church, Terrell, Texas, and

a mission in the Gentilly section of New Orleans, La.

Fathers of the Divine Word: Missions in Maurice, La., and Taylor, Texas.

Trinitarian Fathers: Holy Child Jesus Mission, Canton, Miss., and St. Elizabeth's Church, Ofahoma, Miss.

Franciscan Fathers: St. Jerome's Mission, Americus, Ga.

Redemptorist Fathers: St. Mary's Church, McAlester, Okla., and a mission in Roanoke, Va.

Holy Ghost Fathers: Mission in Hartsville, S. C.

Edmundite Fathers: Mission in Gadsden, Ala.

Oratorian Fathers: St. Mary's Church, Rock Hill, S. C.

At present there is such a great amount of interest in the cause of the Colored Missions in this country that we feel certain that great things will be accomplished for the glory of God and the salvation of souls in this New Year of 1947.

MEET

Father Matthews

ARTHUR C. WINTERS, S.V. D.

● First Negro Benedictine Priest

I suppose I should have written, "Meet Father Matthews, O.S.B.," because Father is a Benedictine, the first of his race to be ordained a Benedictine priest.

As celebrant of a widely publicized Solemn High Mass in Detroit, Michigan, last October, Father shortly afterward was featured in the daily paper, and in a national weekly magazine. To the aforementioned race-conscious city he had been invited by the Catholic Church. His presence was in the interest of racial amity. And he was fervently welcomed by Detroiters, colored and white, who crowded the Church of St. Benedict the Moor, in order to attend his Mass.

Following the Mass, the Detroit Archdiocese feted the young 35 year-old priest at a testimonial banquet. There his courteous bearing and manner charmed all his listeners, as he thanked the officials in charge of the celebration for selecting him to aid in the drive toward better racial relationship.

The Rev. Dom Basil Matthews, O.S.B., is a native of the island of Trinidad, Britain's tropical oil-rich colony. Both of his parents were school superintendents on the island. Near his boyhood home, was the monastery of Mount St. Benedict, the first Benedictine foundation in the West Indies. This monastery became the object of his fervent and frequent visits, and he seemed irresistibly drawn to "the splendor of



Father Basil Matthews, O.S.B., is met at the train station in Detroit by Mr. James Gibson, Northern District Deputy of the Knights of Peter Claver

liturgical life" he found there. He was admitted at the age of seventeen, and received his basic religious training and two years of philosophy in the institute. His higher education was continued in the Benedictine College of Theology at Belgium's University of Louvain. Father Matthews was ordained a priest in 1935. Following ordination, he took extension courses from University Correspondence College, Cambridge, and came to the United States in 1941. He entered Fordham University on a scholarship the same year. Since then, graduate courses in English, writing and lectures have divided his attention, and given him the chance to do much good.

In speaking at the Detroit testimonial banquet, Father Matthews uttered the following words: "It is sometimes alleged — not without

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First Communion Class in Chaguanas, Trinidad, B.W.I.

TRINIDAD — Land of the Blessed Trinity

CARLOS LEWIS, S.V. D.

● Melting Pot of Races

Lying in the Caribbean Sea only a few miles from the north-eastern coast of Venezuela, South America, the island of Trinidad is a most interesting missionary area of the West Indies. Discovered by Columbus in 1498, it was named in honor of the Blessed Trinity.

During the recent war, this island came into prominence as the location for one of the many bases leased in the Caribbean area by the United States from Great Britain for the defense of the Panama Canal. The Canal lies about a thousand miles west of Trinidad.

Trinidad is a melting pot of races. Its population of about half a million people live in an area 60 by 30 miles, about the size of the State of Delaware. The capital is Port-of-Spain, the seat of an Archbishop and a modern port city of 100,000 inhabitants. Fifty percent of the

population of Trinidad are descendants of Negro slaves who were freed in 1840. Thirty-four percent are East Indians, mostly descendants of those imported long ago as cheap laborers after the freedom of the slaves was declared. There are many Chinese also. Whites including Englishmen, Irishmen, Hollanders, Frenchmen, Spaniards, Portuguese, and more recently, Americans, form seven percent of the population. The racial problem was easing up before the war, but during the past five years the behavior of the overseas soldiers stationed on Trinidad has aroused the old animosity.

Owned by the Spaniards since 1498, the island was finally yielded in 1797 to the British whose freebooters dominated a part of the island for a long time. Prior to this date, the French, at the invitation

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of the Spaniards, colonized the island for some time.

Trinidad got its first Bishop in 1820. One can imagine the plight into which the practice of the Catholic faith had fallen, for missionaries were always few and far between. Today there are approximately 150,000 Catholics and about the same number of Protestants, principally Anglicans and Presbyterians. Except for a few Christian converts, nearly all of the East Indians are Mohammedans or pagan Hindus, and the older ones have retained their own language and customs to a great extent.

Catholics and Protestants show a laudable spirit of cooperation in defending Christian principles. Thus, they both strongly protested to London against the enactment of a divorce law in 1931, which, though passed, has been rarely made use of. Within the past year the Anglican Bishops condemned the overtures



FATHER MAX MURPHY
a native Texan now saving souls in far-away Trinidad. Father Murphy is one of two American Negro priests working in Trinidad at present



Interior of parish church
Chaguanas, Trinidad, B.W.I.

made by certain groups to introduce "birth control" propaganda into Trinidad. In July, 1946, the Catholic prelate, Archbishop Patrick Finbarr Ryan of Port-of-Spain, while visiting London to discuss educational problems with the British Colonial Office, condemned current British government recommendation that birth control be taught to colonial peoples. Speaking to reporters, the Archbishop said that the bearing of children is regarded as an honor by his people, to the extent that a wife in Trinidad does not regard herself as a complete person until she has become a mother.

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**SAINTS
PHILIP AND
JAMES CHURCH
AND RECTORY**
Chaguanas,
Trinidad, B.W.I.
The rectory has
since been de-
stroyed by fire

Nearly 100 priests are working in Trinidad. Among the clergy we find 30 Dominicans and 26 Holy Ghost Fathers, both groups from Ireland; 18 Benedictines from Germany and Holland; 10 Augustinians from Spain, and 9 secular priests. The Benedictines and Holy Ghost Fathers have native Trinidadian priests in their orders.

The Benedictine Fathers conduct St. John Vianney Seminary for the training of Benedictine and secular priests. They also conduct two other secondary schools. There are a few native priests and religious, and they differ racially as does the general population. One of the Negro priests is Dom Basil Matthews, the first Negro priest of the Benedictine Order in all its 1500-year existence. He graduated from Louvain University, Belgium, and was ordained in Trinidad in 1935. He later taught in the local seminary. One of his students, Father Chrysostom Lee Sing, of Negro-Chinese parentage, was ordained a Benedictine priest a few years ago. Father Matthews received a Doctorate in Social and Political Science

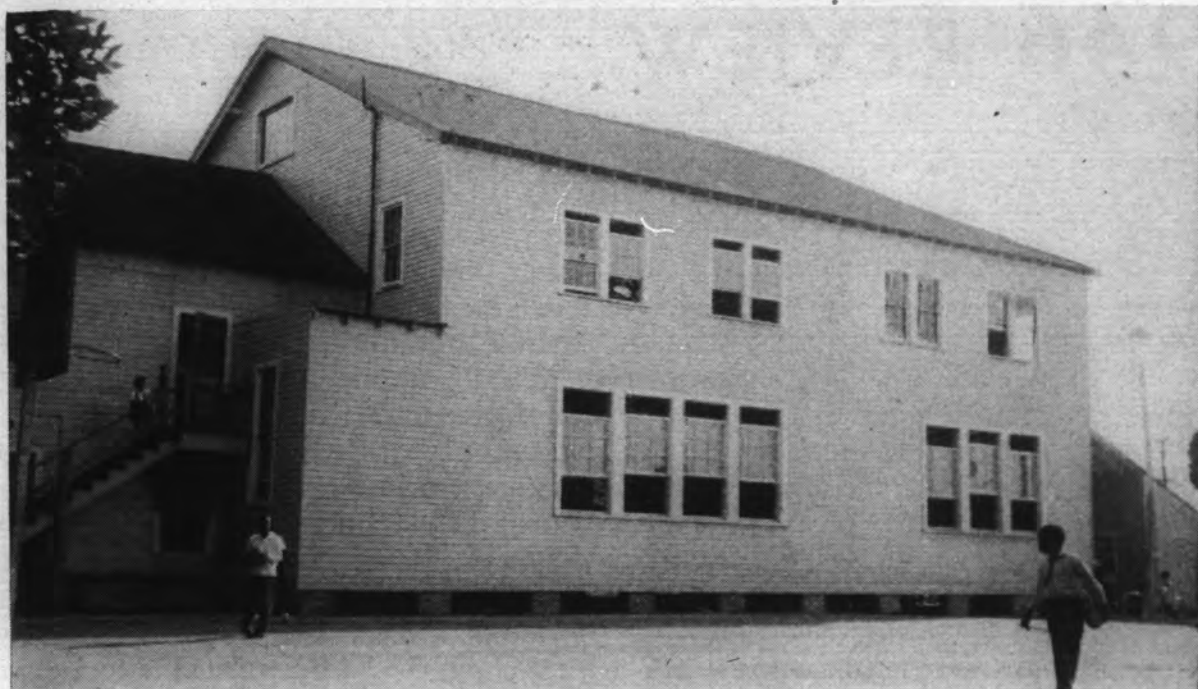
from Fordham University in June, 1946.

The two most important schools on the island are St. Mary's College with 1,200 students, conducted by the Holy Ghost Fathers, and St. Joseph's Convent with 600 students, conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Two American Negro priests are working in Trinidad, namely, Father Theldon Jones of San Antonio, Texas, ordained in Prague, Czechoslovakia, 1935, and Father Max Murphy of Dallas, Texas, ordained also in Prague in 1934.

Father Murphy, who works in Chaguanas, has charge of a parish to which four missions are attached. Under his supervision are three elementary schools and one secondary school. All of these schools, having a total enrolment of 1,200 students, are taught by lay teachers. He has in his care 5,000 Catholics in a population of about 20,000. The generosity of the American GI's to whom Father Murphy was auxiliary chaplain during the war, made possible the secondary school.

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St. Raymond's School, New Orleans, La., showing the recent 8-classroom addition — and still not enough room!

Growing Mission School

St. Raymond's School in New Orleans, La., established by the Josephite Fathers, was put under the direction of the Sisters of the Holy Family in 1938. At that time the enrollment was about 60 pupils. Today 740 pupils are enrolled, and there are 6 Sisters and 6 lay teachers on the staff. Eight classrooms were added to the original two in 1945, but there is still not enough room. Two grades are being taught in the school hall.



Father Francis Tighe, S.S.J., pastor of St. Raymond's Church, poses with some of his altar boys



HOLY FAMILY SISTERS WITH SOME OF THEIR 740 PUPILS

The boys shooting marbles all tried to shoot at one time when they spied the camera

1946 REVIEW

CLARENCE J. HOWARD, S.V.D.

● Highlights of Catholic Negro News

Looking back over the year 1946 one is pleasantly surprised at the many wonderful developments in the United States as far as Negro Catholics are concerned.

Here are some of the more important happenings:

The Bishop of Buffalo, N. Y., the Most Rev. John O'Hara, C.S.C., had a two-column page-length advertisement inserted in Buffalo's Negro paper, *The Star*, welcoming Negroes to the Catholic Church, and inviting them to make use of the Catholic churches and schools in their respective neighborhood. The advertisement declared in bold type that "*the Roman Catholic Church welcomes all people without distinction of race, color or class.*"

The Jesuit Fathers of the St. Louis Province admitted their first colored novice, and the Passionist Fathers admitted their first colored seminarian at their preparatory house of studies in St. Louis, Mo.

On May 25 Rev. Paul Butler was ordained to the priesthood in St. Mary's Cathedral, Trenton, N. J. Father Butler is the second Negro diocesan priest ordained for the Diocese of Trenton.

Five Negro seminarians were professed as members of the Society of the Divine Word at St. Mary's Mission House, Techny, Ill., and four colored young men, two of them World War II veterans, were received as Brother novices at St. Augustine's Seminary, Bay Saint Louis, Miss.

The Franciscan Sisters of St. Mary admitted three colored student-nurses into their novitiate in St. Louis, Mo., for the first time, and the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Ghost, Techny, Ill., received their first colored candidate.

The first colored novices were professed as Dominican Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Marbury, Ala., headquarters of an interracial religious community.

The Carmelite nuns of Boston, Mass., Grand Rapids, Mich., and Indianapolis,

Ind., announced that they would be glad to receive colored candidates into their communities.

The Catholic Interracial Committee of Detroit, Mich., sponsored a public testimonial in honor of the priests and Sisters working in the Negro Missions. Cardinal Mooney of Detroit, Bishop Francis Haas of Grand Rapids, and many priests, nuns and lay people attended. Three colored priests and several colored Sisters were able to be present also. On this occasion it was announced that the first two colored boys had been admitted to the archdiocesan seminary.

The eighth Negro Catholic hospital in this country was built in Houston, Texas, and ground was broken in Beaumont, Texas for the ninth.

Negro priests were the principal graduation speakers at Xavier University in New Orleans, La., and at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., for the first time.

For the first time colored Catholic high school students participated in the annual mission rally of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade in New Orleans, La. As a result, students of the two colored Catholic high schools in New Orleans have been invited to attend the monthly central meetings together with students from all the other Catholic high schools.

The Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference sponsored a four-day seminar on the Negro. Forty nationally known Catholic leaders, white and colored, attended and their findings and recommendations, calling for the removal of the "color line" in churches, schools, hospitals, unions, wages, housing and voting, have been published in a 36-page pamphlet.

Negro college students attended the Summer School of Catholic Action in New Orleans, La., for the first time.

Over 100 white students in the Catholic high schools of Mobile, Ala, volunteered to teach Catechism to Negro chil-

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dren living in the rural districts of Alabama.

The tenth Catholic high school for Negroes in Mississippi was opened in Sulphur Springs, Miss., in September, under the direction of the Trinitarian Fathers and the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville, Ky.

Father Basil Matthews, O.S.B., first Negro Benedictine priest, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Social and Political Science from Fordham University in New York City.

A successful stage play about a Negro family, written by Father George Dunne, S.J., of Loyola University, Los Angeles, Calif., and a booklet entitled *Racial Myths*, by Sister Mary Ellen, O.P., of Rosary College, River Forest, Ill., added much to interracial understanding during 1946. The play, *Trial by Fire*, played to capacity audiences.

The following Negro Catholic laymen made the headlines last year:

Attorney Charles Rawlings of Detroit, Mich., president of the Detroit Catholic Interracial Council, received the 1946 Hoey Award for outstanding contribution to the cause of interracial good will.

St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, Pa., conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Social Science on Elmo Anderson of New York, the executive secretary of the Catholic Board for Mission Work Among the Colored People.

Becoming the first Negro lay professor in white Catholic colleges, Dr. Francis Hammond was appointed dean of Philosophy at Seton Hall College, South Orange, N. J., and Miss Francis Douglas was appointed teacher of Child Care and History of Education at St. Joseph's College, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Richmond Barthé, renowned Negro Catholic sculptor, was commissioned to make a bust of Booker T. Washington for the Hall of Fame.

Oscar Cunningham, former Ohio State athletic star, became the first Negro head track coach of Loyola University, Los Angeles, Calif.

Guy Brown, undergraduate, was named the Athlete of the Year at the University of Detroit because of his achievements in baseball, football and



Looking forward to a bright and successful New Year for the Negro Missions in 1947

track. He was the fastest man on the University dash team.

Attorney Harold Stevens, former president of the New York Catholic Interracial Council, was one of four Negroes elected to the New York State Assembly.

Wilton Scott, graduate of Xavier University of New Orleans, La., became the first Negro to receive the new Quartermaster Citation awarded for "sustained superior accomplishment" at the Savannah, Ga., quartermaster base.

Charles R. Smith of Detroit, Mich., active Negro Catholic leader, became the first of his race to be appointed assistant to the United States District Attorney in Michigan.

BROTHERS OF MERCY

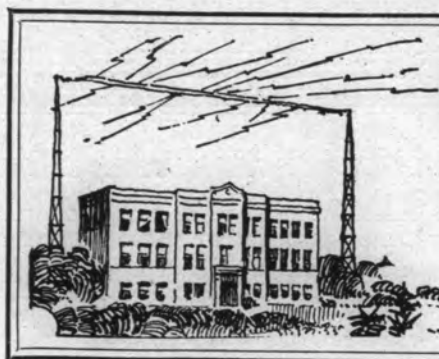
Young men from the ages of 16 to 40 years, with an inclination for religious life, are hereby invited to apply to Brothers of Mercy of Buffalo, New York. This Order specializes in the care of male patients in private homes, hospitals and their own infirmaries. Applications may be made to Master of Novices, Buffalo Novitiate, 49 Cottage St., Buffalo 1, New York.

We Thee Adore

Certainly the greatest devotion we have in the Catholic Church is that to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. One of the most remarkable ways of expressing that devotion is by celebrating the so-called Forty Hours' Devotion, which is an occasion on which due honor and veneration are shown Our Savior in the Holy Eucharist.

On October 25, the community of St. Augustine's Seminary gathered in chapel to take part in the opening ceremonies of the Forty Hours' Devotion. The sanctuary was in readiness for the sublime function. Especially striking was the decoration of the altar. The two large baskets of chrysanthemums, true to the season, were exquisitely arranged.

First, there was the Solemn High Mass celebrated by Father Clarence Howard, S.V.D., assisted by Father Francis Evans, S.V.D., as deacon and Father William Williams, S.V.D., as subdeacon. After the Mass, the liturgical procession with the Blessed Sacrament took place with the chanting of appropriate hymns. The celebrant, his ministers, and the clergy reassembled in the sanctuary and the Litany of All Saints was chanted. When the deacon had placed Our Lord on His altar



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throne, all began the adoration they so faithfully carried out for the remaining three days.

Christ Our King

Here at the Seminary we are willingly subject to Jesus Christ. We are members of His retinue. He is indeed a royal Ruler; a nobler Ruler there never was. Rightly then do we honor Him in a special way on the last Sunday of October, the Feast of Christ the King. On this day Our King was still enthroned on His Eucharistic throne to receive our pledge of loyalty.

At nine o'clock that beautiful morning, a Solemn High Mass was held in the Seminary chapel. The celebrant was Father Herman Hagen, S.V.D.; the deacon, Father Leo Woods, S.V.D.; and the subdeacon, Father Lawrence Friedel, S.V.D. The sermon was de-



Father Leo Woods, S.V.D., with visiting Franciscan Sisters of Blessed Kunegunda. These Sisters, whose Motherhouse is in Chicago, teach in St. Peter Claver's School, Mobile, Ala., which is their first colored mission school

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livered by Father Woods. The purport of Father's sermon had to do with the sore need of Christ's peace in the world today. The polyphonic music for the Mass was furnished by the students' choir under the direction of Father Arthur Winters, S.V. D.

At 5:00 p.m., the Forty Hours' Devotion was brought to a close. The community made use of that golden opportunity to make a public act of consecration to the King of kings.

Retreats

Prior to admittance to the novitiate our postulants make a retreat of eight full days. In keeping with this statute, the postulants for the Brotherhood began their retreat on October 23. Two days later they were joined by the Brothers who had not as yet made their annual six-day retreat. During these days also the candidates for the Brotherhood made a short retreat. This year the spiritual exercises were conducted

by Rev. Hubert Posjena, S.V. D., prefect of students.

Investiture and Profession

It was a great day in the lives of these young men. A dream of many years had finally been realized. A long nourished desire had at last materialized. On the morning of All Saints' Day, four postulants were called to come forward to receive the religious habit of a lay Brother in the Society of the Divine Word.

During impressive ceremonies in St. Augustine's Seminary chapel, the Very Rev. Joseph Eckert, S.V. D., Provincial, admitted William Balthasar of Natchitoches, La., now Brother James; Paul Hagan of Indianapolis, Ind., now Brother Bernard; Ignatius Jolivet of Sunset, La., now Brother Francis; and, Sam Reed of Eunice, La., now Brother Gabriel, to the novitiate of the Society. Their novitiate, a time of preparation for the religious profession, will last two years. Brother Alphonse, the sole novice on the place up to that moment, is glad to have companions with whom to share the joys of the novitiate.

When the newly invested novices had been directed to the places assigned them three other Brothers renewed their religious profession. Brothers Ignatius and Stephen vowed Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience for three years. Broth-

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OUR NEW BROTHER NOVICES

(Left to right)
Brother Bernard
from Indianapolis,
Ind.; Brother
Francis from Sun-
set La.; Brother
Gabriel from
Eunice, La.; and
Brother James
from Natchitoches,
La.



HONOR ROLL

of

Catholic High Schools

WHICH HAVE NO COLOR BAR



(Readers are invited to send in the names of other Catholic high schools which admit qualified Negro students.)

- All Saints' High School, Flint, Mich. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
 Angel Guardian High School, Boston, Mass. (Brothers of Charity)
 Annunciation High School, Denver, Colo. (Sisters of Charity)
 Bayley High School, Morristown, N. J. (Sisters of Charity)
 Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School, Brooklyn, N. Y. (5 Communities of Sisters)
 Boys Town High School, Boys Town, Nebr. (Lay Teachers)
 Cathedral Boys' High School, Springfield, Ill. (Viatorian Fathers)
 Cathedral Catholic Girls' High School, Trenton, N. J. (Sisters of Mercy)
 Cathedral High School for Boys, Belleville, Ill. (Brothers of Mary)
 Cathedral High School for Boys, Los Angeles, Calif. (Brothers of Christian Schools)
 Cathedral High School, Denver, Colo. (Sisters of Charity)
 Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, Ind. (Holy Cross Brothers)
 Cathedral High School, New York, N. Y. (5 Communities of Sisters)
 Cathedral High School, Portland, Maine (Sisters of Mercy)
 Catholic Central High School, Chillicothe, Ohio (Sisters of Charity)
 Catholic Central High School, Springfield, Ohio (Sisters of Charity)
 Catholic District High School for Boys, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Brothers of Mary)
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CHILDREN'S CORNER



My dear Boys and Girls:

The New Year of 1947 has come! All of us are one year older. Are we one year WISER? I hope so.

Look back over the old year of 1946 and see what you should thank the good God for — your life, happiness, numberless blessings and graces.

Look back over last year and see what you have to make an act of contrition for — carelessness, laziness, faults, failings, and sins. Some of those things you did deliberately. Many of them, perhaps, you were led into by others, by bad companions.

Well, if you have made a good Confession and have been to Holy Communion, then there is nothing for you to worry about. BUT you ought to make this New Year's resolution and KEEP it: "During 1947 I will try to AVOID every deliberate mortal sin, and I will STAY AWAY from bad playmates who try to lead me into sin!"

Keeping this resolution will make it easier for you to love God and serve Him. Going to try it? O.K. I'll be praying for you.

MY MAIL BAG

Dear Father Howard: I have enjoyed reading the letters which other children have written to you. Our pastor is Father Oswald, S.V.D. I am sure you know him.

There is a large number of children enrolled at our school. Our school, Blessed Martin's School, has been enlarged by the work of Father Oswald. We owe our thanks to him.

I wish you could come and visit us again sometime. Your friend,

Joyce, LaCroix, age 13
Davant, Louisiana

Glad you enjoy reading the "Children's Corner." Certainly, I know Father Oswald. He used to teach there at the Seminary. I visited Blessed Martin's School before it was enlarged. I would surely like to see it now. Maybe I'll accept your invitation, Joyce; maybe. Thanks, anyway.

Dear Father Howard: How are you feeling today? I am feeling fine, thank you. I know it's been a long time I haven't been writing to you. I would like for you to write to me if you have time, and I will write back to you instead of playing in the evening.

I am in the seventh grade now, so the next time you come to St. Raymond's School ask for Otto and Vera and you will be able to see us then. I hope I am not asking too much.

Well, I guess this is all for now. May God bless you. Yours truly,

Vera Fernandez, age 11
1411 St. Denis Street
New Orleans 19, La.

I am always happy to hear from you, Vera, but please do not spend all of your time in the evening writing letters. Play some, pray some, and do your home work also. You can expect me to ask for you and Otto the next time I come to St. Raymond's. Of course, I'll be disappointed if you are not there on that day; SO don't miss school any day between now and the time that I come.

Dear Father Howard: I enjoyed your talks very much. They help children very much. I hope you and Father Bowman will come back again to St. Nicholas. Some day I

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will become a priest like you and Father Bowman. Maybe I will preach a mission at St. Nicholas' Church some day. I received Holy Communion this morning.

If you ever go some where else, always remember us back here at St. Nicholas.

Tell everybody at your place "Hello" for us. A friend,

Robert Terry, 4th grade
1809 Lucas Avenue
St. Louis 3, Mo.

Dear Father Howard: The mission you gave us was very good. And maybe I too will be a priest some day. I am taking instructions for Baptism. You and Father Bowman are nice priests. St. Nicholas is very proud to have nice priests like you two.

I am very sorry that you had to go away. I will miss your talks. Oh, well, everybody has to go away sometimes. So long, and good luck!

Robert Aiken Jr., 4th grade
2015 Biddle Street
St. Louis 61, Mo.

Dear Father Howard: I liked the mission very much. I liked the way you talked about the mudman, and how to be good and everything else. And wherever you go always remember us. I thank you very much for coming to our school. And I think you are the best priest in the whole world. Yours truly,

Herbert Polson, 4th grade
1603 Carver Lane
St. Louis 6, Mo.

Dear Father Howard: I just want to tell you that I liked your instructions, and I hope to be able to give instructions like you did. You know, one of these days I may myself. I hope I may be a priest and then I could preach like you. And I would give the Blessing of the Pope like you did in church. I hope you and Father Bowman had a good trip, and I hope that you will come back next year. So I think that's all I have to say. So I guess I better close my letter, and I thank you.

William Delno Jr., 4th grade
1915 Lucas Avenue
St. Louis, Mo.

This looks suspiciously like fan mail. Besides these four youngsters (bless them!), the following fourth-graders of St. Nicholas' School also wrote:

Dolores Peterson: "I am glad that you and Father Bowman came. Maybe some day I will grow up to be a Sister." **Albert Barnett:** "I would like to become a priest like you and Father Bowman. I try to say my morning prayers like you said." **Alice Jackson:** "Tell Father Bowman I enjoyed

his mission too." **Claudia Cooper:** "I hope you will come back next year. And the next mission you give I hope you very good luck." **Jane Walker:** "I enjoyed your Mass and Father Bowman's Mass, too." **Doris Clark:** "If you live I wish would come and talk to the children one more time." **John Turner:** "I am one of the boys who is taking instructions for Baptism. You said a lot of things about the Church so people could understand." **Milton Green:** "We appreciate your good instructions, and when we grow up we are thinking about becoming a priest just like you." **Veve Jean Hampton:** "Some day I may be a Sister. I will try to be a good girl like you said in your talks. I hope you come back soon again."

Thank you, dear boys and girls. Father Bowman and I were very glad that we could give the mission at St. Nicholas' Church; and we were delighted to meet so many nice boys and girls. You keep both of us in your prayers, and we will pray for you. I am asking Our Dear Lord that He will arrange for some of you to become His priests and nuns one day. Meanwhile, you must be faithful to church, Confession, Communion, and you must study hard, pray much, be obedient, and visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament often.

SHORT STORY CONTEST

An eighth-grader of Illinois Technical School, Chicago, is the winner of this month's contest. She has written an original story of a sailor. Here it is; what do you think of it?

The Brace Sailor

by

Vera Freeman, age 13
4910 Prairie Avenue
Chicago 15, Ill.

John Carlson was an ex-sailor who had been discharged from the Navy. He was telling his friends how he had been faithful to the rosary every day at sea. His mother had taught him how to say the Rosary when he was only six years old, and he had been saying it ever since then. His friends were ex-soldiers from the Army, and their names were Bill Jackson, Charles O'Neill and Danny Johnson.

John was telling them the story of how he got back home safely. He had been the captain aboard ship and superior of the other sailors. They were sailing on the Pacific very calmly and quietly when all of a sudden the bells began to ring, and they heard the man over the loudspeaker say: "All hands on deck. Man your battle stations. Jap submarine 100 knots away; be on the lookout for fish!" Everyone manned his station and everything was set.

The man in the tower shouted: "Torpedo ahead; put on your life jackets!" Everyone was running around like fleas. John was

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giving orders to abandon ship. Then the torpedo hit. Some men were badly wounded, but most of them were put into lifeboats and carried to safety.

John had to see to it that everyone was off the ship. He ran as fast as he could along the decks until he was certain that everyone was off. The ship began to sink. John was trapped underneath a door which had fallen while he was running by it. The men out on the sea were safe and that was all that worried Captain John. He took out his rosary and prayed. He offered it up that he would be saved, for he had great devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary.

The water began to come over the deck. John tried to loosen the door but it would not budge. He tried about four times, and at last, with the help of Our Lady, the door began to move. Soon he was free. He found a stray lifeboat and jumped into it and was soon away from the sinking ship.

As Captain John was looking out over the ocean he saw smoke and it looked like another ship. He wasn't quite sure whether it was an enemy ship or not. He took off his shirt and made some motions. The ship came nearer. John soon found out it was an American destroyer. He waved his shirt again, and a voice came from the ship and asked:

"Are you an American?"

"Yes," answered John.

"What is the United States' motto?" the voice came back.

John replied: "In God we trust."

Then the voice said: "We'll send a lifeboat out to get you." John thanked Our Lady and said a prayer of gratitude.

Soon he was on board ship and on his way back to the United States. That's how John got to tell his story to his friends.

The End

For such a fine story, Vera will receive a large beautifully colored holy picture, and a year's free subscription to the MESSENGER.

The runners-up are Louis Charles, 120 College St., St. Martinville, La.; Alton Cobette, 6850 Chef Menteur Highway, New Orleans 17, La.; Emmanuel Bertrand, Virgin Lane. Roseau, Dominica, B.W.I.; and Alphonse Cobette, 6850 Chef Menteur Highway, New Orleans 17, La.

All boys and girls attending school are welcome to try their hand at writing an original short story for the "Children's Corner." Write about some experience you have had, or make up a story; then sign your NAME, ADDRESS, AGE, GRADE, and SCHOOL, and send it to me. It might win first prize.

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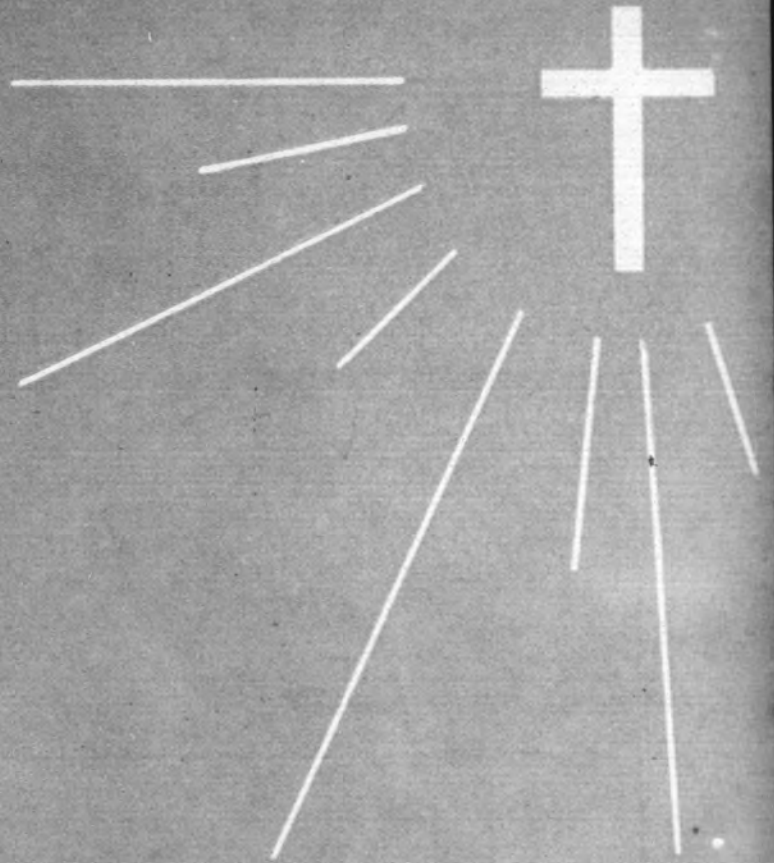
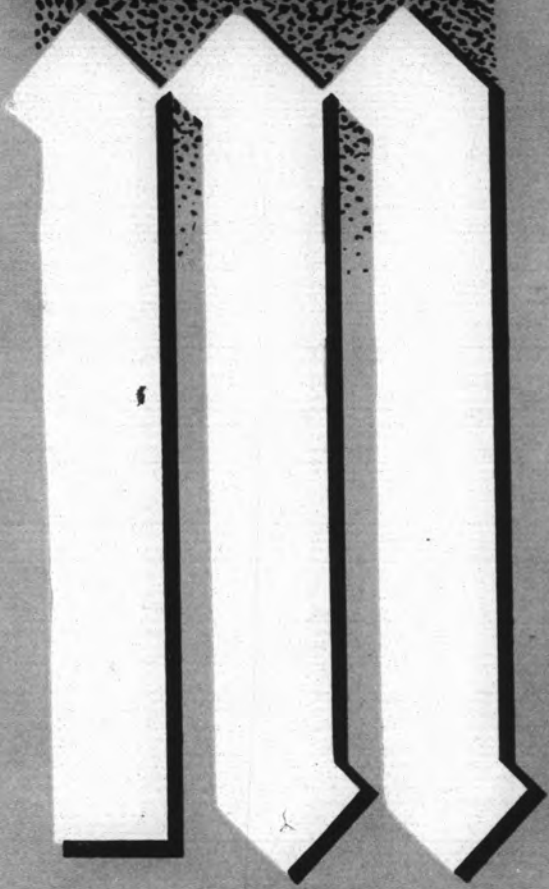
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MARTIN EDWARD CASEY, JR.

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Hangs the darkest hour that's the one before the dawn;
And the common folk like you and me all wait expectantly
To see our way by the light of day that comes to set us free.
Whether it comes like thunder out o'China cross the bay,
Or darkness breaks asunder in a more prosaic way,
The dawn's advent is heaven-sent the new day to unveil,
A holy light of all most bright is the Light that will not fail.

O'er the thoughts and o'er the hearts and o'er the souls of men
Hangs a dark injustice to a fellow citizen;
And there are cries and there are lies of grim intolerance,
For all too few are the good and true who spring to the defense.
Whether the light of social right will come like lightning,
Or the weight of years erase the fears that ignorance can bring,
To haste the day there is one way of all that can avail,
A constant prayer will bring the flare of the Light that will not fail.





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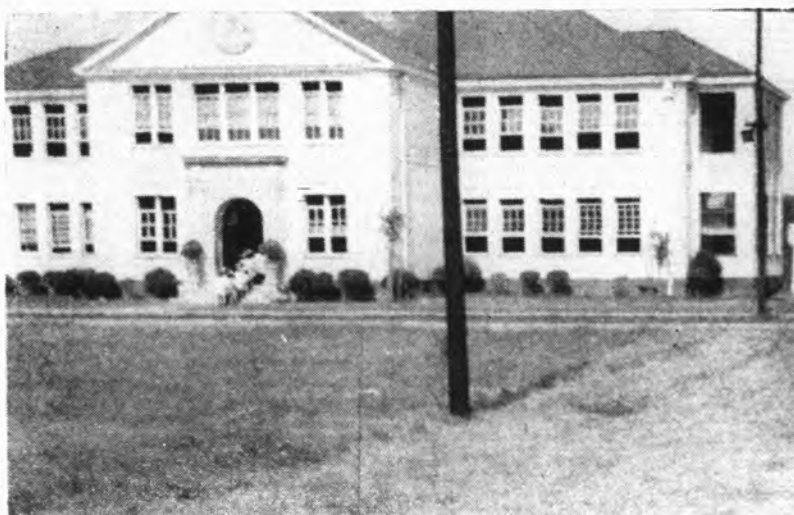
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For Southerners -- But Not Only

In that delightful publication of the Richmond Diocese, *The Catholic Virginian*, we came across the following, written by Father William Winston, the former editor:

"In the February-March issue of *The Colored Harvest* Father Leo Farragher, S.S.J., has an article on "Missionaries at Tuskegee." Reading it, I ran headlong against this sentence:

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"My first reaction to that 'but' was to bristle like an angry cat and mentally to formulate a few sentences of verbal vitriol for the extensive scarification of what self-esteem Father Farragher may possess.

"But sober second thought soon dampened my patriotic fervor. Have most of us white Catholic Southerners, I asked myself, ever given Father Farragher and his co-workers any great

reason to think that in the matter of justice — let alone charity — to Negroes our hearts *are* in tune with the Sacred Heart of our Lord? Do we habitually and consistently give our colored fellow Southerners reason to think so?

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REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS

"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead." (2 Mac. 12:46)

In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Most Rev. Christian Winkelmann, Bishop of Wichita, Kans., who died in Wichita, November 18, 1946;

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May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

February

Feb. 3 — St. Blase

St. Blase was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. During his life, he suffered much persecution. In the year 317, he was beheaded. Tradition tells us that he saved the life of a little child, who was dying, choked by a fish bone. As a result this saint is considered the patron of those who are afflicted with throat diseases. On his feast, the Church blesses the throats of the faithful with two candles, so that through the intercession of this saint they may be delivered from diseases of the throat and from every other evil.

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St. Andrew, a child of the noble Corsini family, was born in Florence. It is related that his mother once dreamed that she had given birth to a wolf, which, on entering into the Carmelite church, was suddenly changed into a lamb. In later years, the dream of this saintly woman came true. As a young man Andrew led a sinful life; but the Voice of God aroused him from his evil way. Following the inspiration of Divine Grace, he entered the Carmelite Order. Later the episcopal dignity was conferred upon him. As Bishop, he was a model; for by his life and deeds he clearly showed that the pastoral office demands not mere goodness but an eminent degree of sanctity as well. St. Andrew died in 1373.

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St. John of Matha was by birth a Frenchman. Together with St. Felix of Valois, he founded the Trinitarian



THE PRESENTATION

"They carried Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord... (Simeon) took Him into his arms... and said: 'Now... dismiss Thy servant, O Lord... in peace; because my eyes have seen Thy Salvation!'"

(Luke 2:22, 28-30)

am the Immaculate Conception." Pope Pius X in 1908 ordered that the commemoration of this event be observed as a feast in the Universal Church. The miracles at Lourdes have continued down to the present day. In 1933, Bernadette was canonized. Her feast is observed on February 11, of each year.

Feb. 24 — St. Matthias

St. Matthias was chosen to take the place of Judas among the Apostles. In the series of Apostolic men mentioned in the prayer preceding the "Pater Noster" in the Canon of the Mass Matthias is mentioned between the Proto-martyr Stephen and the Apostle Barnabas. St. Clement of Alexandria says that St. Matthias gave us the beautiful maxim: "We must wholly subdue the body through mortification. We must subject it to the Spirit of the Crucified Jesus." Pray St. Matthias to obtain the grace and strength for you to do this.

Saints

Order for the redemption of Christian slaves from the Mohammedans. Even to our present time the little cell in which he lived can be seen in Rome. Let us ask St. John to obtain for us from God some of that fraternal love which led him to devote his life to the redemption of slaves.

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With flowers bought at their behest—
A gorgeous fare-you-well was made.
They saw him there in splendor dressed;
They did not see the price he paid, —
The everlasting price he paid!

For Southerners -- But Not Only

In that delightful publication of the Richmond Diocese, *The Catholic Virginian*, we came across the following, written by Father William Winston, the former editor:

"In the February-March issue of *The Colored Harvest* Father Leo Farragher, S.S.J., has an article on "Missionaries at Tuskegee." Reading it, I ran headlong against this sentence:

"Cardinal Stritch of Chicago, whose birthplace is in the South, but whose heart is in tune with the Sacred Heart of Jesus . . . gave us help to start our new school."

"My first reaction to that 'but' was to bristle like an angry cat and mentally to formulate a few sentences of verbal vitriol for the extensive scarification of what self-esteem Father Farragher may possess.

"But sober second thought soon dampened my patriotic fervor. Have most of us white Catholic Southerners, I asked myself, ever given Father Farragher and his co-workers any great

reason to think that in the matter of justice — let alone charity — to Negroes our hearts are in tune with the Sacred Heart of our Lord? Do we habitually and consistently give our colored fellow Southerners reason to think so?

"You know the answer, my dear readers. Yes, indeed, Father Farragher's 'but' ought to make us angry — angry with a red-hot anger — against ourselves."

REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS

"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead." (2 Mac. 12:46)

In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Most Rev. Christian Winkelmann, Bishop of Wichita, Kans., who died in Wichita, November 18, 1946;

Jane Jacoby, who died in California, November 19, 1946;

Fannie Meyers, who died in Germantown, Philadelphia, Penn., October 24, 1946.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

February

Feb. 3 — St. Blase

St. Blase was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. During his life, he suffered much persecution. In the year 317, he was beheaded. Tradition tells us that he saved the life of a little child, who was dying, choked by a fish bone. As a result this saint is considered the patron of those who are afflicted with throat diseases. On his feast, the Church blesses the throats of the faithful with two candles, so that through the intercession of this saint they may be delivered from diseases of the throat and from every other evil.

Feb. 4 — St. Andrew Corsini

St. Andrew, a child of the noble Corsini family, was born in Florence. It is related that his mother once dreamed that she had given birth to a wolf, which, on entering into the Carmelite church, was suddenly changed into a lamb. In later years, the dream of this saintly woman came true. As a young man Andrew led a sinful life; but the Voice of God aroused him from his evil way. Following the inspiration of Divine Grace, he entered the Carmelite Order. Later the episcopal dignity was conferred upon him. As Bishop, he was a model; for by his life and deeds he clearly showed that the pastoral office demands not mere goodness but an eminent degree of sanctity as well. St. Andrew died in 1373.

Feb. 8 — St. John of Matha

St. John of Matha was by birth a Frenchman. Together with St. Felix of Valois, he founded the Trinitarian



THE PRESENTATION

"They carried Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord... (Simeon) took Him into his arms... and said: 'Now... dismiss Thy servant, O Lord... in peace; because my eyes have seen Thy Salvation!'"

(Luke 2:22, 28-30)

am the Immaculate Conception." Pope Pius X in 1908 ordered that the commemoration of this event be observed as a feast in the Universal Church. The miracles at Lourdes have continued down to the present day. In 1933, Bernadette was canonized. Her feast is observed on February 11, of each year.

Feb. 24 — St. Matthias

St. Matthias was chosen to take the place of Judas among the Apostles. In the series of Apostolic men mentioned in the prayer preceding the "Pater Noster" in the Canon of the Mass Matthias is mentioned between the Proto-martyr Stephen and the Apostle Barnabas. St. Clement of Alexandria says that St. Matthias gave us the beautiful maxim: "We must wholly subdue the body through mortification. We must subject it to the Spirit of the Crucified Jesus." Pray St. Matthias to obtain the grace and strength for you to do this.

Saints

Order for the redemption of Christian slaves from the Mohammedans. Even to our present time the little cell in which he lived can be seen in Rome. Let us ask St. John to obtain for us from God some of that fraternal love which led him to devote his life to the redemption of slaves.

Feb. 11 — Our Lady of Lourdes

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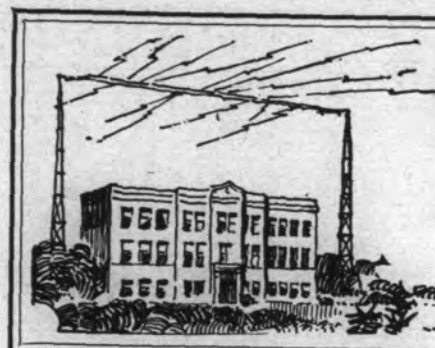
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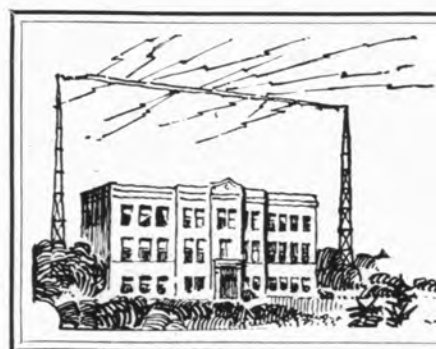
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(Readers are invited to send in the names of other Catholic high schools which admit qualified Negro students.)

- All Saints' High School, Flint, Mich. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
 Angel Guardian High School, Boston, Mass. (Brothers of Charity)
 Annunciation High School, Denver, Colo. (Sisters of Charity)
 Bayley High School, Morristown, N. J. (Sisters of Charity)
 Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School, Brooklyn, N. Y. (5 Communities of Sisters)
 Boys Town High School, Boys Town, Nebr. (Lay Teachers)
 Cathedral Boys' High School, Springfield, Ill. (Viatorian Fathers)
 Cathedral Catholic Girls' High School, Trenton, N. J. (Sisters of Mercy)
 Cathedral High School for Boys, Belleville, Ill. (Brothers of Mary)
 Cathedral High School for Boys, Los Angeles, Calif. (Brothers of Christian Schools)
 Cathedral High School, Denver, Colo. (Sisters of Charity)
 Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, Ind. (Holy Cross Brothers)
 Cathedral High School, New York, N. Y. (5 Communities of Sisters)
 Cathedral High School, Portland, Maine (Sisters of Mercy)
 Catholic Central High School, Chillicothe, Ohio (Sisters of Charity)
 Catholic Central High School, Springfield, Ohio (Sisters of Charity)
 Catholic District High School for Boys, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Brothers of Mary)
 Cardinal Hayes High School, New York, N. Y. (Diocesan Priests; 3 Communities of Brothers)
 Central Catholic High School, South Bend, Ind. (Holy Cross Brothers)
 Central Catholic High School, Johnstown, Pa. (5 Communities of Sisters)
 Chaminade High School, Dayton, Ohio (Marianist Fathers and Brothers)
 Corvallis High School, Studio City, Calif. (Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary)
 De La Salle High School, Minneapolis, Minn. (Brothers of Christian Schools)
 Elder High School, Cincinnati, Ohio. (Diocesan Priests)
 Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy, Pasadena, Calif. (Dominican Sisters)
 Fordham Preparatory School, Bronx, N. Y. (Jesuit Fathers and Brothers)
 Gonzaga High School, Spokane, Wash. (Jesuit Fathers)
 Harrisburg Catholic High School, Harrisburg, Pa. (3 Communities of Sisters)
 Holy Family High School, Bronx, N. Y. (Brothers of the Christian Schools)
 Holy Rosary High School for Girls, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
 Holy Spirit High School, Atlantic City, N. J. (Sisters of Mercy)
 Immaculate Conception Academy, Dubuque, Iowa. (Franciscan Sisters)
 Immaculate Conception High School, St. Mary's, Kansas. (Sisters of Charity)
 John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (7 Communities of Sisters)
 Julianne High School, Dayton, Ohio (Sisters of Notre Dame)
 LaSalle College High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (Brothers of Christian Schools)
 Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls, Philadelphia, Pa. (10 Communities of Sisters)
 Loras Academy, Dubuque, Iowa. (Diocesan Priests)
 Los Angeles Catholic Girls' High School, Los Angeles, Calif. (Diocesan Priests; 7 Communities of Sisters)
 Loyola High School, Los Angeles, Calif. (Jesuit Fathers)
 Manhattan College Preparatory School, Bronx, N. Y. (Brothers of Christian Schools)
 Marquette University High School, Milwaukee, Wis. (Jesuit Fathers)
 Messmer High School, Milwaukee, Wis. (Diocesan Priests; 2 Communities of Sisters)
 Mother of Mercy Academy, Cincinnati, Ohio. (Sisters of Mercy)
 Mount Carmel High School, Los Angeles, Calif. (Carmelite Fathers)
 Mount St. Ursula Academy for Girls, Bronx, N. Y. (Ursuline Sisters)
 Mundelein Cathedral High School, Chicago, Ill. (Sisters of Charity of B.V.M.)
 North Catholic Boys' High School, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Brothers of Mary)
 Northeast Catholic High School for Boys, Philadelphia, Pa. (Oblates of St. Francis de Sales)
 Notre Dame Catholic Girls' High School, Moylan, Pa. (Sisters of Notre Dame)
 Notre Dame Catholic Girls' High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (Sisters of Notre Dame)
 Notre Dame High School, Hamilton, Ohio (Sisters of Notre Dame)
 Notre Dame High School, Quincy, Ill. (School Sisters of Notre Dame)
 Our Lady Academy, Manteno, Ill. (Sisters of the Holy Heart of Mary)
 Our Lady of Angels High School, St. Bernard, Ohio. (Franciscan Sisters)
 Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, New York, N. Y. (Xaverian Brothers)
 Our Lady of Mercy High School, Cincinnati, Ohio (Sisters of Mercy)
 Piqua Catholic High School, Piqua, Ohio (Sisters of Mercy)
 Pope Pius XII Memorial High School, Passaic, N. J. (Diocesan Priests; Dominican Sisters)
 Purcell High School, Cincinnati, Ohio. (Marianist Brothers)
 Quincy College High School, Quincy, Ill. (Franciscan Fathers)
 Regina High School, Norwood, Ohio. (Sisters of the Precious Blood)
 Regis High School, Denver, Colo. (Jesuit Fathers)
 Reitz Memorial High School, Evansville, Ind. (Holy Cross Brothers; Sisters of Providence)
 Roger Bacon High School, St. Bernard, Ohio. (Franciscan Fathers)
 Roman Catholic High School for Boys, Philadelphia, Pa. (Diocesan Priests)
 Sacred Heart Academy, Indianapolis, Ind. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
 Sacred Heart Academy, Springfield, Ill. (Dominican Sisters)
 St. Agnes' Academy, Indianapolis, Ind. (Sisters of Providence)
 St. Agnes' High School, Los Angeles, Calif. (Sisters of the Holy Cross)
 St. Agnes' High School, New York, N. Y. (Marist Brothers)
 St. Bonaventure High School, Paterson, N. J. (Missionary Franciscan Sisters)

HONOR ROLL (continued)

St. Brigid's High School, Xenia, Ohio (Sisters of Charity)
St. Elizabeth's Academy, Convent Station, N. J. (Sisters of Charity)
St. Gabriel's High School, Glendale, Ohio. (Sisters of Charity)
St. Gabriel's High School, New Rochelle, N. Y. (Sisters of Charity)
St. Hubert's Catholic High School for Girls, Philadelphia, Pa. (5 Communities of Sisters)
St. Ignatius High School, Chicago, Ill. (Jesuit Fathers)
St. John's Academy, Indianapolis, Ind. (Sisters of Providence)
St. John's Cathedral High School, Paterson, N. J. (Sisters of Charity)
St. John's High School, Jackson, Mich. (Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary)
St. John the Baptist High School for Girls, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Sisters of Charity)
St. John the Baptist High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (Marianist Brothers; Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary)
St. Joseph's Academy, Crookston, Minn. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
St. Joseph's Academy, Dubuque, Iowa. (Sisters of Charity of the B.V.M.)
St. Joseph's Academy, Sacramento, Calif. (Sisters of Mercy)
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St. Louis University High School, St. Louis, Mo. (Jesuit Fathers)
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St. Margaret's Academy, Minneapolis, Minn. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
St. Mary's Academy, Indianapolis, Ind. (Franciscan Sisters)
St. Mary's Academy, Leavenworth, Kansas. (Sisters of Charity)
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St. Simon Stock High School, Bronx, N. Y. (Carmelite Fathers; Sisters of Mercy)
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Trenton Catholic Boys' High School, Trenton, N. J. (Franciscan Conventual Fathers)
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CPA ANNUAL SHORT STORY CONTEST

This contest conducted under the auspices of the Literary Awards Foundation of the Catholic Press Association, closes March 31, 1947. Winners will be announced May 22-23, 1947. There will be \$500 in prizes, as follows: 1st \$150; 2nd \$125; 3rd \$100; 4th \$75; 5th \$50.

RULES: 1. The contest is open to all Catholic writers. Authors may submit as many manuscripts as they please. Manuscript length must not exceed 4,000 words.

2. Stories may deal with any theme not repugnant to Christian doctrine or morals. Religious themes are not essential.

3. All manuscripts must be submitted to Contest Chairman, Catholic Press Association, Box 389, Davenport, Iowa.

4. All entries must be postmarked no later than midnight, March 31, 1947.

5. The prize-winning stories become the property of the Catholic Press Association.

6. All manuscripts must be typewritten, double-spaced, on sheets 8½ by 11 inches, and accompanied with a self-addressed stamped envelope. The name and address of entrant must appear in the upper left-hand corner of the manuscript.

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BRIGHT SPOTS IN THE NEWS

Medical Group Becomes Interracial

The announcement was recently made that a white surgeon's group had decided to accept Negro fellow-surgeons as members. The group concerned was the American College of Surgeons. The announcement was made by Dr. Malcolm T. MacEachern of Chicago, associate director of the college. Eight Negro surgeons were invited to attend initiation ceremonies at the congress meeting in Cleveland in December.

Citizens Seek Change of Policy

A Pittsburgh, Pa., committee of citizens is striving vigorously to end the ban on Negro help in several of the department stores of this northern city. It has been the policy of the management of these concerns to refuse to put Negro young ladies on their sales forces, despite a shortage of help in that field. Such discriminatory practices have aroused the sense of justice in a civic-minded group of citizens, and they have started a movement for the ending of the ban. Cooperating in the effort to obtain sales positions for qualified Negroes are the Urban League, the Interracial Action Council, and a special group formed for the purpose of forwarding fair employment in Pittsburgh department stores.

A First for This Month

The first Negro trustee of the sanitary district board of Cook County, Illinois, is Dr. J. B. Martin. Dr. Martin won the position on the Republican ticket from a white Democrat who had held it for 16 years. Taking office in December to begin his six-year term at the annual salary of \$10,000, Dr. Martin represents nearly 5,000,000 citizens of Cook County. This triumph marks his third bid for public office.

Heartwarming Story

An old Negro received public recognition for his bravery and heroism in St. Joseph, La., last December 1, when the entire parish of Tensas in Louisiana paid tribute to him in the courthouse square. His name is Tom Gordon. Mr.

Gordon bravely and unselfishly endangered his own life to help his young white employer, William Clarke, who was imprisoned in a pit with a burning butane gas tank. The old man unhesitatingly leaped into the pit, and despite severe burns in many places, lifted young Clarke out of range of the fire. Nevertheless his employer died after several days of terrible pain. A group of appreciative citizens has recommended Mr. Gordon to the Carnegie Foundation for the award of a Carnegie hero medal. They have also determined that as long as the Negro hero lives, he shall never want for any comfort or necessity.

Another First — A National One

Miss Jean Murrell Capers has become the Assistant Police Prosecutor for the City of Cleveland, Ohio. She is believed to be the first colored woman in the United States to hold a post of this type. She is a graduate of Western Reserve School of Education, and of the Cleveland Law School. She was the city's first Negro physical education instructor for several years. Her admission to the Bar, as a practicing attorney, took place in July 1945.

Two to Fight Hate Groups

Two prominent Negroes were appointed by President Harry S. Truman to serve on his civil rights committee to combat hate groups. They were Mrs. Sadie T. Alexander and Dr. Channing H. Tobias. Numbered among the nation's most outstanding progressive leaders, they will help to recommend civil rights legislation and other measures to protect all parts of our population. Mrs. Alexander is assistant city solicitor of Philadelphia, and secretary of the National Bar Association. Dr. Tobias is director of the Phelps-Stokes fund, and former senior secretary of the national council of the YMCA.

Something Should Come out of This

Attorney Maceo Hubbard of Philadelphia has been given a special task in the Department of Justice, by Attorney General Tom Clark. He was assigned

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to make a full study of Federal statutes in order to determine the full powers of the Government in prosecuting lynchings and other violations of civil rights. This study is to be made because of the very unsatisfactory prosecution of lynchings that the Federal Government has been able to pursue. The facts compiled by Attorney Hubbard will be presented later to Congress.

New Posts

In keeping with the movement to democratize faculties of some of our major institutions of learning, Dr. Ira Reid of Atlanta University was appointed to the faculty of the College of Education of New York University. This appointment also makes it possible for him to serve as a visiting professor of sociology at Haverford College, Pa. He is the first colored person ever to hold such a position at Haverford.

Professor Abram Harris, formerly of Howard University, Washington, D. C., was appointed to the University of Chicago undergraduate faculty as associate professor of economics.

Negro Welfare Center Planned

The serious explosion that occurred in New Orleans a year ago, gave incentive to a movement to establish a permanent welfare center to serve the colored community of that city.

The Louisiana Industrial Insurance Company started the ball rolling by setting aside \$1000 for this purpose. Other insurance companies in the region, as well as churches and civic organizations, were all asked to participate in the establishment of an institution which will serve the community at large.

Southern Protestant Seminary Interracial

Dr. Donald W. Richardson, dean of the theological department of the Union Theological Seminary of Richmond, Va., reports the enrollment of nine Negro ministers. These students attend day classes in this white Presbyterian institute. They are working on advanced degrees in theology. Their

presence is nothing new for this southern seminary, since the first Negro students were admitted to classes there in 1935.

Detroit Democracy

A body blow to old Jim Crow was dealt in Detroit when the Michigan Bell Telephone Company hired four Negro girls to fill positions as switchboard operators. This move was completely in accord with the company's policy to employ qualified applicants regardless of race, creed, or color in all offices where they are needed. No discrimination is shown toward the Negro employees who receive the same salary and use the same facilities as the other laborers. Officials stated that there are no limitations as to the number of Negro workers the telephone company will hire, but that more will be employed as soon as there is need for their services.

Army Changes Policy

The Army, as reported last August, has reversed its old stand and decided to commission Negro dentists inducted into its ranks. Its old stand of not even wanting colored dentists had been taken despite the critical shortage of dentists in the armed forces. It is hoped also that Negro dentists who voluntarily apply for commissions will receive them.

Official on County Welfare Board

Mrs. Ethel Williams, of St. Paul, Minnesota, is thought to be the only Negro woman serving on the welfare board of a large metropolitan city. Her appointment to the five-person city and county welfare board of St. Paul was recently made by Mayor John J. McDonough. Mrs. Williams, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, has been a member of the faculty of the Atlanta School of Social Work, a district supervisor in St. Paul, and during the war was a consultant in the labor relations division of the Twin Cities ordinance plant. With her fellow members on the board she will now help to direct the expenditure of \$5,000,000 yearly, supervise the city and county hospital, preventorium, county home for the aged and child welfare services.



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"Quote and Unquote"

What Basis for Hate

"What's behind the mind of the person who feels that he is superior to a Negro or Japanese or Jew or Irishman or Catholic? What makes his brain click so crookedly? Why does he believe that anyone a shade darker in color or topped with a mop of red hair should automatically be excluded from certain seats in movie houses and sometimes in churches, from buses and juries and public offices and park benches? Does he believe foolishly that lightness of skin pigment guarantees personal superiority of character and talent? Why does he object to some refugee-types who wish to settle in America, though he himself may have had foreign parents? ... At bottom prejudice is a habit of thinking. You have often seen a person come to grief if he has an incomplete grasp of a situation and of the persons involved in it. Try, for example, to collect a loan from someone who resembles the person who borrowed the money from you. Your mistaking his identity doesn't make him responsible for the debt. Such an action is based on a judgment, an act of the intellect, true — but an act based on *incomplete* evidence. Philosophers today call that unintelligent act or error a *prejudice*, especially when it effects relationships between people.

"Prejudice is often wilful. Its conclusion appeals, satisfies some desire or preference or greed, enhances one's social and economic status, and may easily be voluntary. Most theologians would say that such a deliberate closing of our mind to truth is morally wrong and therefore sinful. Circumstances may increase the serious effects of our prejudging and make the evil mortal. For example, if we selfishly deny opportunity for decent living, livelihood and self-improvement to one whom we think essentially inferior for reason of race (any such slight reason) we may sin mortally against both justice and charity. For this reason prejudice is not just a mistake, or something to be proud of — as some persons think, or to be defended and condoned, but rather an evil

to rid oneself of as quickly as one should spurn any other temptation and occasion of sin."

Ray Bernard, S.J.
in the Holy Name Journal

Natural Rights

"The Declaration of Independence proclaimed, 'We hold these truths to be self evident: That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights.' In the field of race relations, the application of this principle is patent. The rights of the Negro are as those of the white man. He has the right to live, the right to property, the right to a reasonable amount of liberty. If it is a crime to restrict the liberty of a white man, it is a crime to restrict the Negro's liberty. ... The growing interest in the field of race relations should occasion a richer discussion of some of the specific rights of the Negro which are violated by discriminatory policies. It is our intent here to focus attention upon one; *the right in the pursuit of employment to be free from unfair interference.* ... In the instance of the Negro, that right is not infrequently violated by white employers and white workers. ... It is a shameful thing that, even in some of the instances in which employers have hired Negroes, white workers have protested and threatened work stoppages. White workers, who engage in such activities, also violate a natural right of the Negro. They commit a moral offense. ... A federal Fair Employment Practice Statute would not bestow upon the Negro the right to be free from unfair interference. Already the Negro possesses that right. It comes from the eternal moral law. A Fair Employment Statute merely places the coercive power of the government behind an effort to obtain recognition of that right. It is desirable because one of the functions of federal or state governments is to protect the Negro in the exercising of his natural rights."

Rev. Francis J. Gilligan
in the Interracial Review

As It Should Be

ARTHUR C. WINTERS, S.V. D.

The city of Buffalo, New York, has reached an ideal state toward which every Christian community should strive. The only two colored Catholic churches in the city were discontinued last July. The former parishioners are now to attend the Catholic churches nearest to their homes, and to freely enter the Catholic life of these parishes and thus become an integral part of them. The reason given by the diocesan authorities was the obtaining of better facilities by the parishioners. They also remarked that this is ideal Christian practice, everybody worshipping together.

This is really as it should be — Christians, regardless of the color of their skin, worshipping God together.

No matter for what reason men feel unequal to one another, before God a

soul is a soul, not a black man's soul, a white man's soul, a red man's soul, nor a yellow man's soul. It is merely a soul and on its individual merit (not color) it will be judged. No matter on which different social strata men stand, they all rank equally as children of God, and the Almighty does not reserve a special relationship for His black children, another for His red children, and still others for His white and yellow children.

We hold this truth to be self-evident: that all men are created equal. The Negro citizens of this country are striving for religious, educational, economic and political equality, such as is guaranteed them by the Constitution. What is more fitting than that Catholics should lead and support them in their fight?

NEWS BROADCAST

(Continued from page 37)

notable renditions were two expressive Negro spirituals "Mary Had a Baby" and "The Lord Is Risen from the Dead." The purpose of the program was to give us a deeper realization of what Mary has done and is doing for all of us. We feel assured that the whole community was stirred to greater devotion to the Blessed Virgin that memorable evening.

Visitors

About a week before Christmas, St. Augustine's Seminary was delighted to have Brother Salesius, C.F.P., Superior General of the Brothers of the Poor of St. Francis, as its guest. Brother Salesius came to this country from Brazil where he had been stranded since the beginning of World War II. He was in this hemisphere on a visitation of the communities of his subjects when the war began. The Motherhouse of the order is in Kerkrade, Holland, but the Brothers have four institutions in this country, one of them a school for

Negroes: St. Raphael's Vocational School, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Brother Salesius was accompanied by Rev. Joseph A. King, of St. Cecilia's Church, Newport, Ark.; Rev J. P. Butterbach, St. Anthony's Church, Weiner, Ark.; and Brother Paul, C.F.P.

Latin Award

Rev. Hubert Posjena, S.V. D., prefect of students, has announced that the Association for Promotion of the Study of Latin has awarded St. Augustine's Minor Seminary its special Latin Trophy for the year of 1946. This special trophy, presented by Dr. A. E. Warsley, President of the Association, signifies an outstanding achievement and accomplishment by the Latin department of the Seminary testifying to the distinctive character of Latin instruction on the part of the Latin faculty and the gratifying character of its assimilation by the students. This trophy is awarded to a school after three medals have been won by its students in nationwide competitive Latin examinations. The medals were won in 1942 by Leon Collier, in 1943 by Linwood Singleton, and 1945 by Cyprian Patin.

CHILDREN'S CORNER



My dear Boys and Girls:

I want to ask a favor of you. And this is a good time to do it, because Ash Wednesday is just a few days away. Lent starts on February 19.

First, let me tell you WHY I want to ask a favor.

Our Blessed Lord has told us that if we want to go to Heaven we must do two things: 1) Love God and 2) Love each other. Now, who should keep these two Commandments if we Catholics don't keep them? We belong to the One True Church, and we know just what Our Lord Jesus expects of us. Yet, there are *SOME* Catholics who do not love certain other Catholics. They even *DISLIKE* them! And they dislike them *NOT* because those other Catholics are bad or sinful, but they dislike them just because the good God has given those other Catholics a different color of *SKIN* — a black skin or a brown skin.

Now we Catholics know that the dear God loves everyone whom He has made, and He has made both colored people and white people, and He will take them both side by side into Heaven with Him if they keep His Commandments and die in the state of grace. Yet, there are *SOME* Catholics who do not want colored people to come into the same church with them; they want them to stay away, or else to sit crowded into a few seats in the back, or to sit away up in the gallery. There are even *SOME* Catholics who want to nail signs up in the church — signs telling colored people that they cannot sit up front

close to the altar, but that they must sit back near the door. And Christ weeps because people do not love each other even in His House, the Church.

There are *SOME* Catholics who do not want to see colored boys serving with white boys at the altar — not because the colored altar boys do not know the Latin prayers or do not know how to serve, but just because they are *colored* boys. There are *SOME* Catholics who do not want colored boys or girls or grown-ups to sing in the choir. And yet, the Lord does not want to be praised by white singers *ONLY*, but by singers of all colors. That's why He gave colored people voices, too. The Lord does not want to be served by white altar boys *ONLY*, but by altar boys of all colors. That's why He gave colored boys the ability to learn to serve, also.

And now for my favor. All of you are surely going to make some little sacrifices for Lent. Well, I would like each one of you to offer up your little Lenten sacrifices and mortifications in order that people of all races may love each other, and especially that white Catholics may not dislike colored Catholics, and that colored Catholics may not dislike white Catholics. When you go to Mass during this Lent, say: "Dear God, I offer this Man to You that hateful *SEGREGATION* may stay out of the Catholic Church!" When you receive Holy Communion pray: "Dear Jesus, I offer this Communion that those nasty 'For-Colored Only' signs may disappear from every House of

God!" When you make a special visit to the Blessed Sacrament, or try extra hard to be on time for school, when you stay away from the movies or refuse to eat candy during Lent, then say: Dear Lord, I offer up this little sacrifice that people may think more about YOU when they are in church than about the COLOR of somebody sitting next to them!"

Surely, those grown-ups who act ugly toward colored people in church and even sometimes drive them out of church will feel ASHAMED of themselves when they learn that so many little children — perhaps even their own little children — are praying for them to stop hurting the Lord through His colored creatures. For didn't Jesus say: "What you have done to the least of My brethren you have done to Me?"

So that's the favor I ask of you. Will you do it? Thanks! If some of you want to write and tell me what you think about this, I will be glad to hear from you.

MY MAIL BAG

Dear Father Howard: I enjoyed your mission very much, and I hope that the others also enjoyed it. We certainly miss you since you left; I guess that's because you used to tell us stories. The next time you come, I hope that you will be able to stay a little longer.

I hope that some day I will grow up to be credit to my family like you are. Maybe some day you will see me studying to be a priest. Yours with love,

John Charlot, age 13
320 Seals Avenue
Pass Christian, Miss.

I hope that I will, John, and I shall pray to see that day. Meanwhile, I guess I'd better look up some more stories for my next visit to Pass Christian.

Dear Father Howard: Only a few lines to let you hear from me. Father, we have moved to Detroit, Mich. Father, I am a reader of the "Children's Corner" so please send the MESSENGER up here.

Father, I do not go to the Catholic school and church, because the colored school and church are too far away for me to go. But, Father, I want to go to church. Yours truly,
Mary Jean Shannon, age 13
1476 Farnsworth
Detroit 11, Mich.

Mary Jean, Detroit is not in the South, and therefore you do not have to go just to

the Catholic church and school located in a colored neighborhood if you do not live in that particular neighborhood. You may attend the Catholic church and school nearest to your home. So, look around, and I am sure you will find a church and school close enough for your convenient attendance.

Dear Father Howard: I wish to thank you in behalf of our class for your little visit to our school. We were all glad to see you, and we hope you will come again soon.

I had learned a lot about you from Wilbert, my brother, who is in the Seminary, and I really think you are just a swell a person as he said you were.

I am enclosing \$1.00 for the MESSENGER for my mother. Respectfully yours,

Sophie White, age 13
1474 South 13th Street
Baton Rouge, La.

Thanks very much for the subscription, Sophie, but tell Wilbert he is "barking up the wrong tree." He should say such nice things about his Father Prefect. He is the one who marks the report cards around here; not I!

Dear Father Howard: I am in the eighth grade and I go to St. Francis Xavier School. I am very glad to have met you. I hope you liked our singing when you visited us. Thanks for your blessing.

Our class reads your magazine, and we enjoy it very much. Sister Rose de Lima, our teacher, lets us use her copy. I would like to visit the Seminary; I heard it is a beautiful and most interesting place. Sincerely yours,

Lenora Bourgeois, age 13
1221 North 31st Street
Baton Rouge, La.

Your singing was swell. You and your classmates are most welcome to visit the Seminary at any time.

SHORT STORY CONTEST

The winner of the contest this month is a sixth-grader from Tacoma, Washington — Mary Louise Canada. As prizes Mary Louise will receive a large beautifully colored holy picture, suitable for framing, and a year's free subscription to ST. AUGUSTINE'S MESSENGER. Here is the winning story:

SAFE RETURN

by
Mary Louise Canada, age 11
261 Bellingham
Tacoma, Wash.

On the day of June 2, 1945, the Japanese bombed a certain place in the Philippines where a party of nuns, about 12 or 13 all

together, were teaching about Christ. When they were taken into captivity and two escaped.

The jungle was not a good hiding place, but it was beautiful. Soon the Japanese came to make their headquarters at this place. One day a Japanese plane and its crew were returning to headquarters when something went wrong with the plane, and it crashed. Well, it almost crashed where the nuns were hiding. The Sisters crouched behind a bush until they were sure the pilot was helpless, and then they advanced. The man was wounded so badly that he could not even walk and was bleeding furiously. But the rest of the crew were dead. The nuns carried the pilot to their shelter and nursed him back to perfect health.

A few days later, when starting to go back to his headquarters, the Japanese pilot promised that the Sisters and the rest of their party would be sent safely home. And they were.

So, you see, the Japanese aren't really as bad as you think they are.

The End

The runners-up are Louis Charles, age 15, 120 College St., St. Martinville, La.; Emmanuel Bertrand, Virgin Lane, Roseau, Dominica, B.W.I.; and Alton Cobette, age 12, 6850 Chef Menteur Highway, New Orleans 17, La.

All boys and girls of school age are welcome to try their hand at writing a short story for the "Children's Corner." Write about something that has happened to you or to someone else, or make up a story; then send it to me together with your NAME, ADDRESS, AGE, GRADE and the name of your SCHOOL. Your story may win first prize.

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Make this Lent a GOOD one, and don't forget to pray that there may be many, many converts in the Negro Missions this year.

FATHER HOWARD, S.V. D.
Bay Saint Louis, Miss.

◆ BOOKS ◆

BERTHA BAUMANN, THE LITTLE GUARDIAN ANGEL OF PRIEST'S SATURDAY, adapted from the German by Rev. Winifred Herbst, S.D.S.; 67 pages; price 15c. Society of the Divine Savior, Publishing Department, St. Nazianz, Wis.

This is the little story of one of God's chosen souls. It is the story of a little girl, a thirteen-year old cripple, who became an Apostle of suffering, and offered her continual pains for her beloved priests and missionaries. Her beautiful life has become an inspiration to priests, and has become a lesson in sustained perseverance for all who learn to know her.

ADVENIAT REGNUM TUUM, the Story of China's First Cardinal, by Louis J. Maloof; 52 pages. Published by the Mission Press, S.V. D., Tsingtao, Shantung, China.

This is the short but dramatic life story of one of the Princes of Holy Mother Church, Thomas Cardinal Tien, S.V. D. It carries one briefly through the childhood and early years of Cardinal Tien's life. It touches his life as a priest, a Bishop and finally a Cardinal, always bringing out the humble character of His Eminence, who is really among his own as Christ was, one to serve and help them. This little book could be a very fertile source of inspiration for the clergy, and for anyone contemplating the clerical state. The motto of Cardinal Thomas Tien, "Adveniat Regnum Tuum," expresses the consecration of every life dedicated to God.

WHO'S WHO AMONG NEGRO LAWYERS, compiled and edited by Sadie T. M. Alexander, Secretary of the National Bar Association; 38 pages. Published by the National Bar Association.

This booklet is a handy compilation of the Negro lawyers belonging to the National Bar Association. This organization, founded in 1923, counts over five hundred Negro members. It supplies this reference copy of its "Who's Who," containing biographies of three hundred and fifty six of them.

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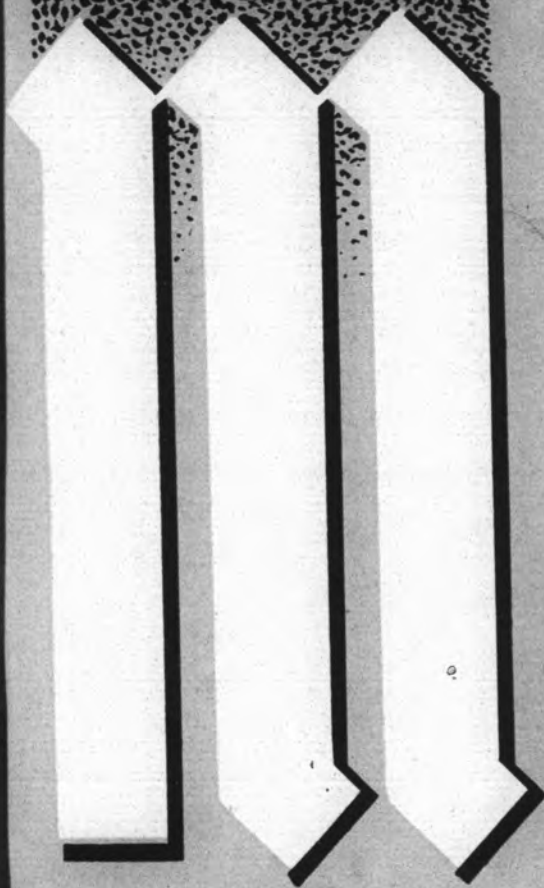
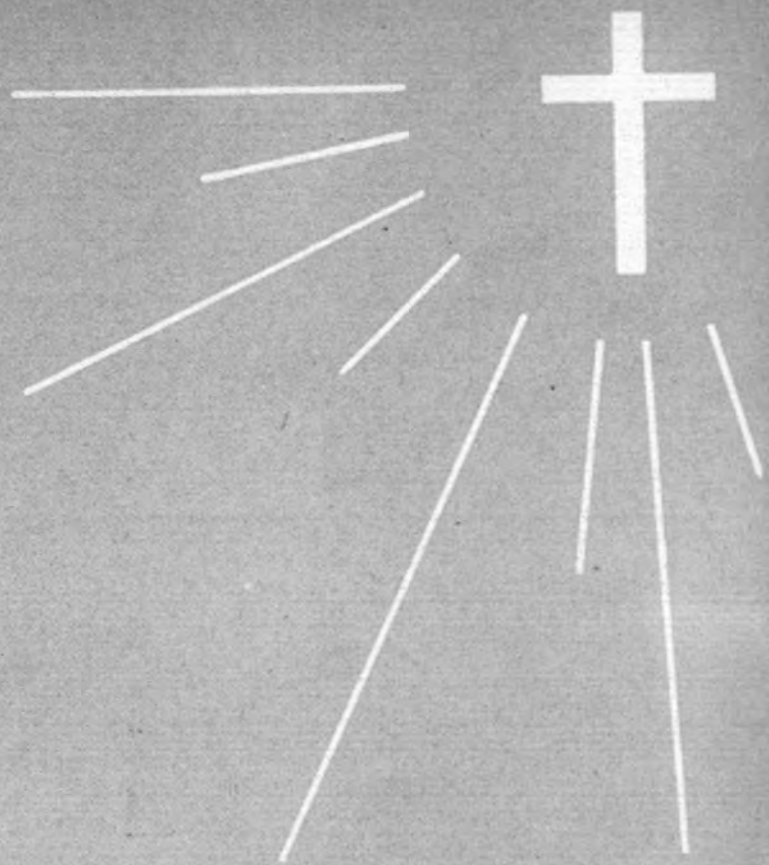
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A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

A welcome piece of news that is a decided step forward in better race relations was announced in the papers not long ago. A total of nineteen of the nation's white newspapers have decided to drop the racial tag in crime stories about Negroes. This choice item of interest was made public by the American Council of Race Relations.

This means real progress in the treatment of the Negro as an ordinary citizen, and not as some unwanted freak.

The papers mentioned by the Council are the *Chicago Sun*, the *New York Times*, the *Fresno Bee* (Calif.), *Des Moines Register*, *Detroit Free Press*, *Providence Journal* and the *Evening Bulletin*, *Dallas Morning News*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *St. Paul Dispatch* and the *Pioneer Press*, *Minneapolis Star-Journal*, *Tribune* and the *Times*, *Cincinnati Enquirer*, *Bridgeport Post*, *Gary Post-Tribune*, *PM*

of *New York*, and the *Columbus Dispatch*.

This action by these progressive papers will do away with a lot of the foolish generalizations to which some people are prone. The individual as a criminal will be sufficiently indicated. His race, which has no bearing on his criminality and therefore does not need to be given, will not be given. The individual as a criminal will be condemned and punished. The race to which he belongs, and his fellow-members of that race, will receive no unjust stigma just because this particular individual has decided to live at "outs" with society. Furthermore, prejudice will tend to grow less if it has nothing to feed upon, or at least less to feed upon. We hail this action of these 19 newspapers as making for better race relations, and we hope that other progressive American newspapers will follow their lead.



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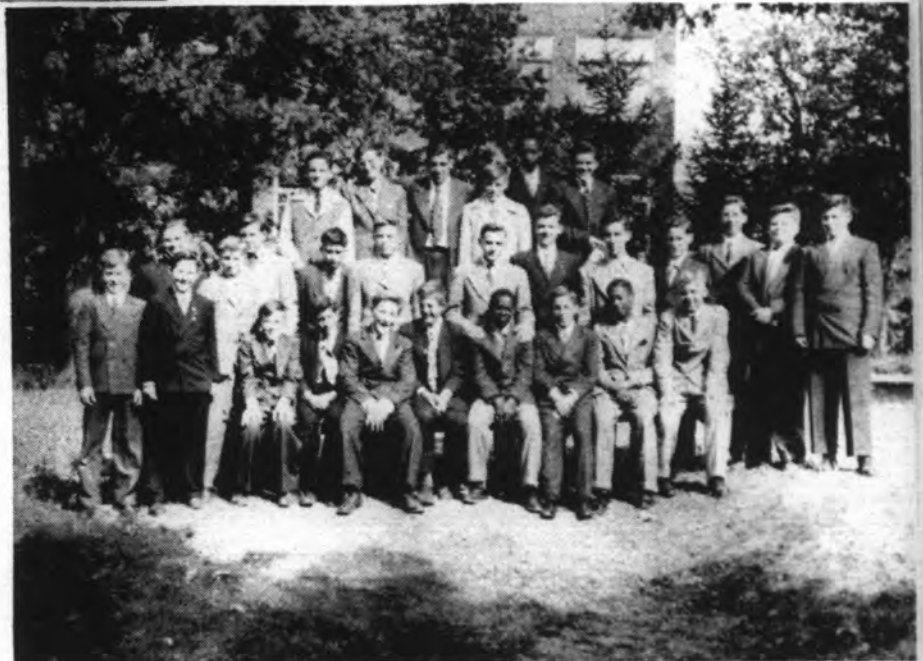




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In order to be recognized officially by the authorities as a campus organization the newly formed CYO had to fulfill certain requirements, one of which was to sponsor a public program for the student body. This the CYO did in December when it invited Father John W. Bowman, S.V. D., of St. Augustine's Semina-

ry, Bay Saint Louis, Miss., to address the Clark College student body. Father Bowman was in Atlanta at the time conducting a week's mission at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Father Bowman's talk was well received, and the first CYO-sponsored program was a decided success.

The CYO-ers meet every Sunday after Mass, and they receive Holy Communion in a body on the second Sunday of the month. Father Daniel Cannon, S.M.A., assistant pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, is the chaplain. These enthusiastic young people plan to organize CYO units also at Spelman College, Morehouse College, and Morris Brown College in Atlanta.

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The CYO-ers meet every Sunday after Mass, and they receive Holy Communion in a body on the second Sunday of the month. Father Daniel Cannon, S.M.A., assistant pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, is the chaplain. These enthusiastic young people plan to organize CYO units also at Spelman College, Morehouse College, and Morris Brown College in Atlanta.

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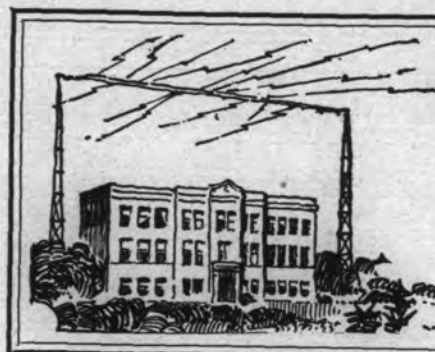
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CALIFORNIA

Cathedral High School for Boys, Los Angeles, Calif. (Brothers of Christian Schools)
Corvallis High School, Studio City, Calif. (Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary)
Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy, Pasadena, Calif. (Dominican Sisters)
Los Angeles Catholic Girls' High School, Los Angeles, Calif. (Diocesan Priests; 7 Communities of Sisters)
Loyola High School, Los Angeles, Calif. (Jesuit Fathers)
Mount Carmel High School, Los Angeles, Calif. (Carmelite Fathers)
St. Agnes' High School, Los Angeles, Calif. (Sisters of the Holy Cross)
St. Joseph's Academy, Sacramento, Calif. (Sisters of Mercy)
St. Mary's Academy, Los Angeles, Calif. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
St. Mary's College High School, Berkeley, Calif. (Brothers of Christian Schools)

COLORADO

Annunciation High School, Denver, Colo. (Sisters of Charity)
Cathedral High School, Denver, Colo. (Sisters of Charity)
Regis High School, Denver, Colo. (Jesuit Fathers)

ILLINOIS

Cathedral Boys' High School, Springfield, Ill. (Viatorian Fathers)
Cathedral High School for Boys, Belleville, Ill. (Brothers of Mary)
Mundelein Cathedral High School, Chicago, Ill. (Sisters of Charity of B.V.M.)
Notre Dame High School, Quincy, Ill. (School Sisters of Notre Dame)
Our Lady Academy, Manteno, Ill. (Sisters of the Holy Heart of Mary)
Quincy College High School, Quincy, Ill. (Franciscan Fathers)
Sacred Heart Academy, Springfield, Ill. (Dominican Sisters)
St. Ignatius High School, Chicago, Ill. (Jesuit Fathers)
St. Malachy's High School, Chicago, Ill. (Sisters of Mercy)
St. Patrick's Academy, Momence, Ill. (Sisters of the Holy Heart of Mary)
St. Philip's High School, Chicago, Ill. (Servite Fathers and Brothers; Viatorian Fathers and Brothers)
Schlarman High School, Danville, Ill. (Sisters of the Holy Cross)

INDIANA

Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, Ind. (Holy Cross Brothers)
Central Catholic High School, South Bend, Ind. (Holy Cross Brothers)
Reitz Memorial High School, Evansville, Ind. (Holy Cross Brothers; Sisters of Providence)
Sacred Heart Academy, Indianapolis, Ind. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
St. Agnes' Academy, Indianapolis, Ind. (Sisters of Providence)
St. John's Academy, Indianapolis, Ind. (Sisters of Providence)
St. Mary's Academy, Indianapolis, Ind. (Franciscan Sisters)
St. Patrick's High School, Terre Haute, Ind. (Sisters of Providence)

IOWA

Immaculate Conception Academy, Dubuque, Iowa. (Franciscan Sisters)
Loras Academy, Dubuque, Iowa. (Diocesan Priests)
St. Ambrose's Academy, Davenport, Iowa. (Diocesan Priests)
St. Joseph's Academy, Dubuque, Iowa. (Sisters of Charity of the B.V.M.)

KANSAS

Immaculate Conception High School, St. Mary's, Kansas. (Sisters of Charity)
St. Mary's Academy, Leavenworth, Kansas. (Sisters of Charity)
Ward High School, Kansas City, Kansas. (Sisters of Charity)

MAINE

Cathedral High School, Portland, Maine (Sisters of Mercy)

MASSACHUSETTS

Angel Guardian High School, Boston, Mass. (Brothers of Charity)

MICHIGAN

All Saints' High School, Flint, Mich. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
St. John's High School, Jackson, Mich. (Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary)
St. Matthew's High School, Flint, Mich. (Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary)
St. Michael's High School, Flint, Mich. (Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary)

MINNESOTA

De La Salle High School, Minneapolis, Minn. (Brothers of Christian Schools)
St. Francis High School, Little Falls, Minn. (Franciscan Sisters)
St. Joseph's Academy, Crookston, Minn. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
St. Margaret's Academy, Minneapolis, Minn. (Sisters of St. Joseph)

MISSOURI

St. Louis University High School, St. Louis, Mo. (Jesuit Fathers)

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NEBRASKA

Boys Town High School, Boys Town, Nebr. (Lay Teachers)

NEW JERSEY

Bayley High School, Morristown, N. J. (Sisters of Charity)
Cathedral Catholic Girls' High School, Trenton, N. J. (Sisters of Mercy)
Holy Spirit High School, Atlantic City, N. J. (Sisters of Mercy)
Pope Pius XII Memorial High School, Passaic, N. J. (Diocesan Priests; Dominican Sisters)
St. Bonaventure High School, Paterson, N. J. (Missionary Franciscan Sisters)
St. Elizabeth's Academy, Convent Station, N. J. (Sisters of Charity)
St. John's Cathedral High School, Paterson, N. J. (Sisters of Charity)
St. Joseph's High School, Paterson, N. J. (Sisters of Charity)
St. Mary's High School, Paterson, N. J. (Dominican Sisters)
St. Nicholas' High School, Atlantic City, N. J. (Sisters of Mercy)
Trenton Catholic Boys' High School, Trenton, N. J. (Franciscan Conventual Fathers)

NEW YORK

Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School, Brooklyn, N. Y. (5 Communities of Sisters)
Cathedral High School, New York, N. Y. (5 Communities of Sisters)
Cardinal Hayes High School, New York, N. Y. (Diocesan Priests; 3 Communities of Brothers)
Fordham Preparatory School, Bronx, N. Y. (Jesuit Fathers and Brothers)
Holy Family High School, Bronx, N. Y. (Brothers of the Christian Schools)
Manhattan College Preparatory School, Bronx, N. Y. (Brothers of Christian Schools)
Mount St. Ursula Academy for Girls, Bronx, N. Y. (Ursuline Sisters)
Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, New York, N. Y. (Xaverian Brothers)
St. Agnes' High School, New York, N. Y. (Marist Brothers)
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St. Gabriel's High School, New Rochelle, N. Y. (Sisters of Charity)
St. Joseph's Academy, Schenectady, N. Y. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
St. Nicholas of Tolentino High School, Bronx, N. Y. (Brothers of Christian Schools; Dominican Sisters)
St. Simon Stock High School, Bronx, N. Y. (Carmelite Fathers; Sisters of Mercy)

OHIO

Catholic Central High School, Chillicothe, Ohio (Sisters of Charity)
Catholic Central High School, Springfield, Ohio (Sisters of Charity)
Chaminade High School, Dayton, Ohio (Marianist Fathers and Brothers)
Elder High School, Cincinnati, Ohio. (Diocesan Priests)
Julienne High School, Dayton, Ohio (Sisters of Notre Dame)
Mother of Mercy Academy, Cincinnati, Ohio. (Sisters of Mercy)
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St. Mary's High School, Cincinnati, Ohio. (Sisters of Charity)
Ursuline High School, Youngstown, Ohio (Ursuline Sisters)

PENNSYLVANIA

Catholic District High School for Boys, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Brothers of Mary)
Central Catholic High School, Johnstown, Pa. (5 Communities of Sisters)
Harrisburg Catholic High School, Harrisburg, Pa. (3 Communities of Sisters)
Holy Rosary High School for Girls, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
John Hallahan Catholic High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (7 Communities of Sisters)
LaSalle College High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (Brothers of Christian Schools)
Little Flower Catholic High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (10 Communities of Sisters)
North Catholic Boys' High School, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Brothers of Mary)
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Roman Catholic High School for Boys, Philadelphia, Pa. (Diocesan Priests)
St. Hubert's Catholic High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (5 Communities of Sisters)
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Slovak Girls Academy, Danville, Pa. (Sisters of St. Cyril and Methodius)
Southeast Catholic High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (Premonstratensian Fathers)
West Philadelphia Catholic High School, Phila., Pa. (Brothers of Christian Schools)
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RHODE ISLAND

St. Xavier's Academy, Providence, R. I. (Sisters of Mercy)

WASHINGTON

Gonzaga High School, Spokane, Wash. (Jesuit Fathers)
Seattle Preparatory High School, Seattle, Wash. (Jesuit Fathers)

WISCONSIN

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"Not My Will, but Thine be done!" (Luke 22:42)

Mar. 7 — St. Thomas Aquinas

The exact date of St. Thomas' birth is unknown. The date of his death is March 7, 1274. This great saint is distinguished by his profound love for the sacred tradition of the Church. In the person of St. Thomas, Sacred Tradition has one of its most authoritative interpreters. This great Dominican built upon the foundation laid by the ancient Fathers of the Church and has given with remarkable accuracy a definite form to our knowledge of God. He is called the "Angelic Doctor." Pray to him for a better knowledge of the Divine Truths.

Mar. 8 — St. John of God

St. John, because of his great love of God is called "of God." He is the patron of Catholic hospitals. This saint is also the founder of the Order of Brothers Hospitallers, who devote themselves to the healing of bodies and souls. The pharmacy of the papal residence is always under the direction of a Religious of the Order of St. John of God, who thus holds the position of infirmarian to the Pope. St. John died on March 8, 1550. Pray to him for aid in illness.

Mar. 17 — St. Patrick

St. Patrick, Apostle of Ireland, was sent to that country by Pope St. Celestine. He preached the Gospel of Christ with such success that the verdant land of Erin was known in the Middle Ages by the glorious title of the "Island of Saints." As a tribute to the great faith of the Irish people, Pius IX in the year 1859 raised the feast of St. Patrick, which had appeared in the Roman Breviary since the Fifteenth Century, to the rank of a Minor Double. Patrick is the great patriarch of the Irish episcopate. His feast is a holy day of obligation in Ireland.

Mar. 19 — St. Joseph

St. Joseph, as Holy Scripture tells us, was a just man. He was innocent and pure; he was gentle and tender; he was prudent and humble. Above all, Saint Joseph was a man who had absolute confidence in, and a marvelous submission to the Holy Will of God. Second only to Mary is St. Joseph, who, although not the Father of Jesus, had a father's authority over the Divine Son of God. This humble saint was made the Patron of the Universal Church by His Holiness, Pope Pius IX. Ask St. Joseph for greater trust in God.

Mar. 23 — Passion Sunday

Today begins the most solemn part of Lent called Passiontide. The Gospel of this Sunday tells us how the Jews contradicted Christ and would have stoned Him, if He had not hidden Himself. Pray today especially for those who have outlawed Christ and have tried to drive Him from their countries.

Mar. 28 — St. John Capistran

This remarkable saint and preacher was born in 1385. At the age of thirty he entered the Franciscan Order and was ordained a priest. He was a leader in a crusade against the Turks during the Fifteenth Century. In 1724, Pope Leo XIII ordered that his feast should be observed by the whole Church.

Mar. 30 — Palm Sunday

Today palm will be blessed by the priest and distributed before Mass. Palm is a reminder of the victory that will belong to all who remain faithful to Christ unto the end.

BRIGHT SPOTS IN THE NEWS

Florida Makes a Step Forward

It is reported that in Tampa, Florida, Negro clerks are being employed in some of the larger department stores. It is very encouraging to know that capable colored girls are given positions like this which they can so aptly fill. It is a step forward which is appreciated, and should be ensured by support of any stores that practice this policy.

Assistant U. S. District Attorney in Michigan

A Detroit Catholic Negro is the first member of his race to hold a position in the U. S. District Attorney's office in the state of Michigan. He is Charles R. A. Smith. Mr. Smith has been appointed, and has assumed the duties of, an assistant United States District Attorney in Detroit. He is a member of Sacred Heart Parish, a Knight of St. Peter Claver, a chairman of the awards committee of the Catholic Interracial Council, and a member of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists. He has received degrees from Northwestern University, the Chicago College of Law and John Marshall Law School.

Two Appointments

In Pittsburgh, Pa., a Negro physician, Dr. Charles Burke, has been placed on the staff of the Allegheny General Hospital.

In New York City Joseph H. Dorsey has been appointed assistant chief probation officer. He is the first Negro to hold this position.

Citation for Tolerance

For achieving victories in democracy in Chicagoland in 1946, Sister Mary Attracta, R.S.M., has received a citation from the Chicago Council Against Racial and Religious Discrimination. She was among the ten persons, who in the opinion of the council did the most in 1946 for racial and religious toleration and justice. Sister Attracta has also written several books on the subject of restrictive covenants.

Higher Justice

The Supreme Court of the state of Florida upheld the decision of a lower court which had declared that restrictive zoning, segregating Negroes from whites, was unlawful.

Another Appointment

Miss Anna Lucille Campbell has been appointed to New York University on a teaching fellowship. She is the head of the English Department at Prairie View State University, a Negro school in Texas.

Toward a Brighter Future!

A favorable attitude was shown by white students toward the admission of Negroes to the student body of North Carolina State. The poll of the pupils was markedly benignant toward the idea.

Library Employee

Appointed to the library of Columbia University was Miss Elizabeth Moore of St. Paul, Minn. Miss Moore, a graduate of the University of Minnesota's School of Library Science, was employed three years by her own alma mater. She will work in the acquisition department of the university library.

Assistant Instructress

Wisconsin University has named Miss Mary DeHaven Hinkson as assistant instructor for the term beginning February 1. Miss Hinkson will lecture on kinesiology, the theory of kinesiatrics, the mode of treating disease by appropriate muscular movement. Miss Hinkson becomes the fourth Negro on the school's staff.

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"... When we bring the cause and the need of the Negro Missions of the South to the attention of Catholics — will our action be embraced as an opportunity or rejected as a nuisance? That is the question. If there is no obligation lying upon the souls of American Catholics to spread the Gospel among American Negroes, and if the Missions to the Negroes are not poor and not in great need, our appeals may be called nuisances and no further attention be paid to them or us. But, is it fair, when it is known that God in Heaven has burdened consciences with the duty of bringing salvation to American Negroes, and when every report that emanates from the South, either from those who labor there or from those who have gone there for a visit, tells of direst poverty — is it fair, we repeat, to look upon appeals, under these circumstances, as nuisances? They are opportunities! Real opportunities to please God, to do good to our fellowman and to merit for our souls."

Rev. Edward C. Kramer, D.D.
in Our Colored Missions

Committee Report

"I have just read the most vigorous and forward-looking statement of Christian principles applied to the American racial scene ever issued by a church group in the United States. Published here today in pamphlet form by the Social Action Dept., National Catholic Welfare Conference, the statement consists of recommendations made by forty-five nationally known Roman Catholic leaders in interracial work during a five-

day seminar on Negro problems in the field of social action held here last July.

"Examining discriminatory practices against Negroes in economic life, the committee vigorously condemns the actions of those employers who discriminate because of color in hiring, upgrading, and firing, and who interfere with the worker's 'Godgiven' right to organize into unions for his economic protection. Also condemned are unions which exclude Negroes from membership or confine them to a 'second-class membership in so-called auxiliary locals.'...

"'Catholic educational associations should set the example for other educational bodies by insisting that the Negro be accorded equal opportunities at every level of schooling,' the committee asserts, urging that Catholic schools open their doors without delay 'to all qualified applicants, Negro and white alike.'...

"Equal conditions of punishment, probation, parole and pardon for all prisoners of whatever race or color are likewise urged. 'In particular,' the report asserts, 'law enforcement officers should be more vigilant in guarding against the lynching of accused Negroes and in punishing the perpetrators.'"

"In hotels, restaurants, hospitals and all other mercantile and professional services, equal service with all other citizens should be accorded Negroes, the committee maintains. Similarly, 'discriminatory practices in church attendance should not only be discouraged but definitely eliminated as a violation of the law of Christ,' the report avers. ... Declaring the 'Catholics should set an example of brotherhood to all men' the committee wholeheartedly condemns the practices of those hospitals which refuse to admit Negro patients or give them inferior accommodations, and urges that the Catholic Hospital Association and individual hospitals 'work toward an early elimination of discriminatory practices.'"

John Gavin Nolan
in the North Carolina Catholic

GIVE A MAN A CHANCE

WILLIAM C. KERNAN

The other night before five hundred cheering members of the Boston Gridiron Club a Yale freshman, Levi Jackson, was awarded the George H. Lowe Memorial Trophy which is presented yearly to New England's outstanding football player.

Levi Jackson is a Negro, the first of his race ever to receive this award.

Among the elite of New England's gridiron world who were present to honor him were Coaches Dick Harlow of Harvard, Tuss McLaughry of Dartmouth, Herb Kopf of the Boston Yanks, and Referee Paul Swaffield.

Reggie Root, Yale's line coach, spoke warmly of Jackson as scholar and athlete and praised him as a man of integrity and purpose. Before going to college, Jackson was asked, "Why do you want to enter Yale?" He answered, according to Root, "Because I want to get an education so that I can help my race better."

In accepting the award Jackson said, "It is very difficult for me to express my feelings. I own only part of this trophy. The other part belongs to the other members of the team and the coaches for giving us a very successful season."

Things like this are happening daily in many parts of America as Americans affirm their ancient faith that in this country recognition and reward belong

to men of ability and achievement without respect to their race, religion, or national origin.

Give a man a chance. Give him opportunity. Protect his rights — and talents, perhaps long buried, will be brought to light. That is the way American life is enriched. That is the way to progress. That is the American way. Give a man a chance.

A Catholic University for Africa

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men, became a part of the University. Attached to the University is a social center which sponsors credit unions and a publishing department.

The President of the University is the new Apostolic Delegate to South Africa, His Excellency, Archbishop Martin Lucas, S.V.D., a Hollander. Bishop Bonhomme, O.M.I., is the Vice President. The Vice Rector of this seminary, incidentally, is a native Oblate Father.

Pius XII University College is the hope of the natives of South Africa. Its very existence epitomizes the Christ-like attitude of the Catholic Church towards the so-called "race question." Father Lawless, mentioned before, nicely expresses this attitude in the following words which form a fitting close to this sketch: "The Church is a true mother and her solicitude and care extend to all her children regardless of their race or color. She has always regarded the pigmentation of a man's skin as well as his nationality as mere accidents of birth which do not matter. She is interested only in the condition of a man's soul and his allegiance to the Kingdom of Christ."

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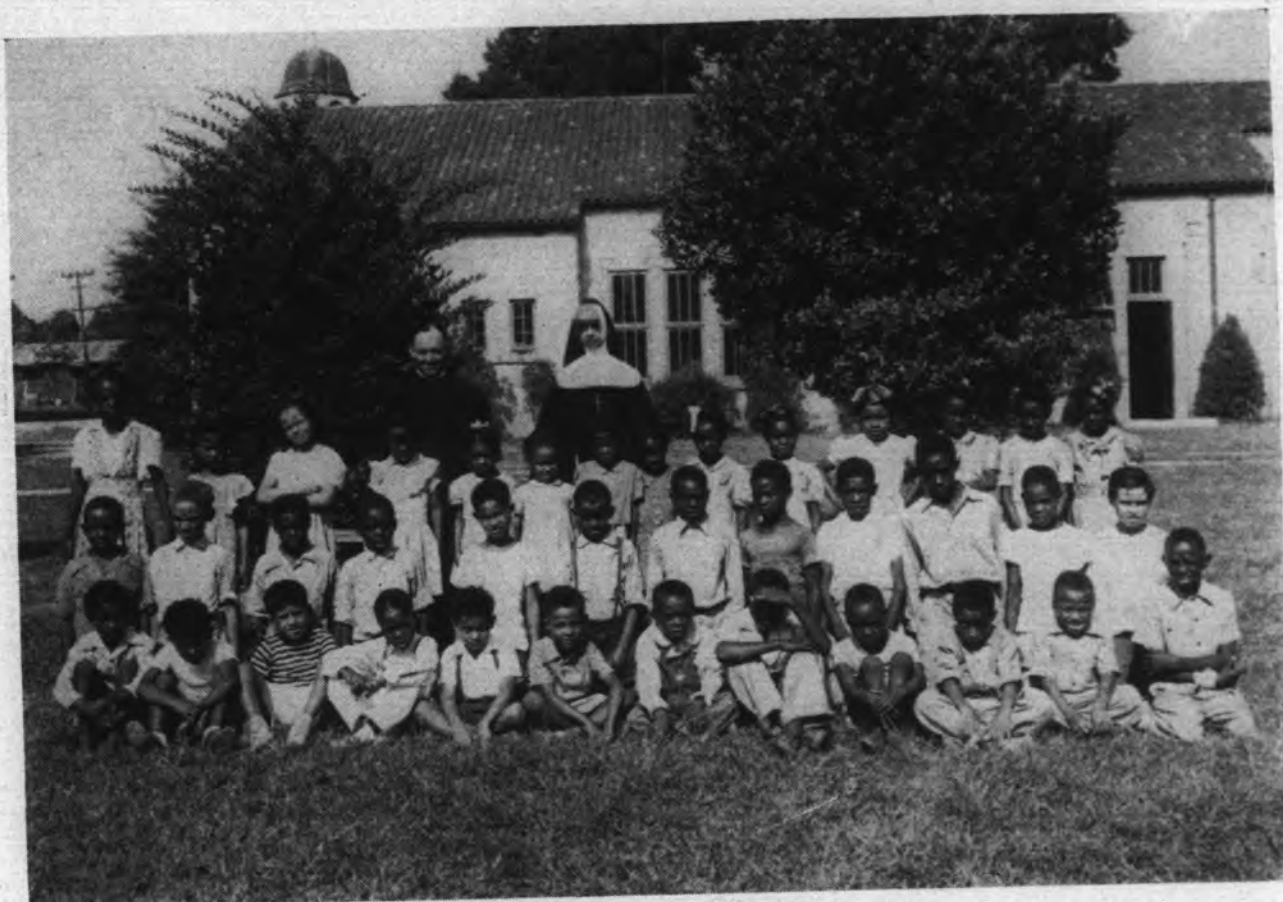
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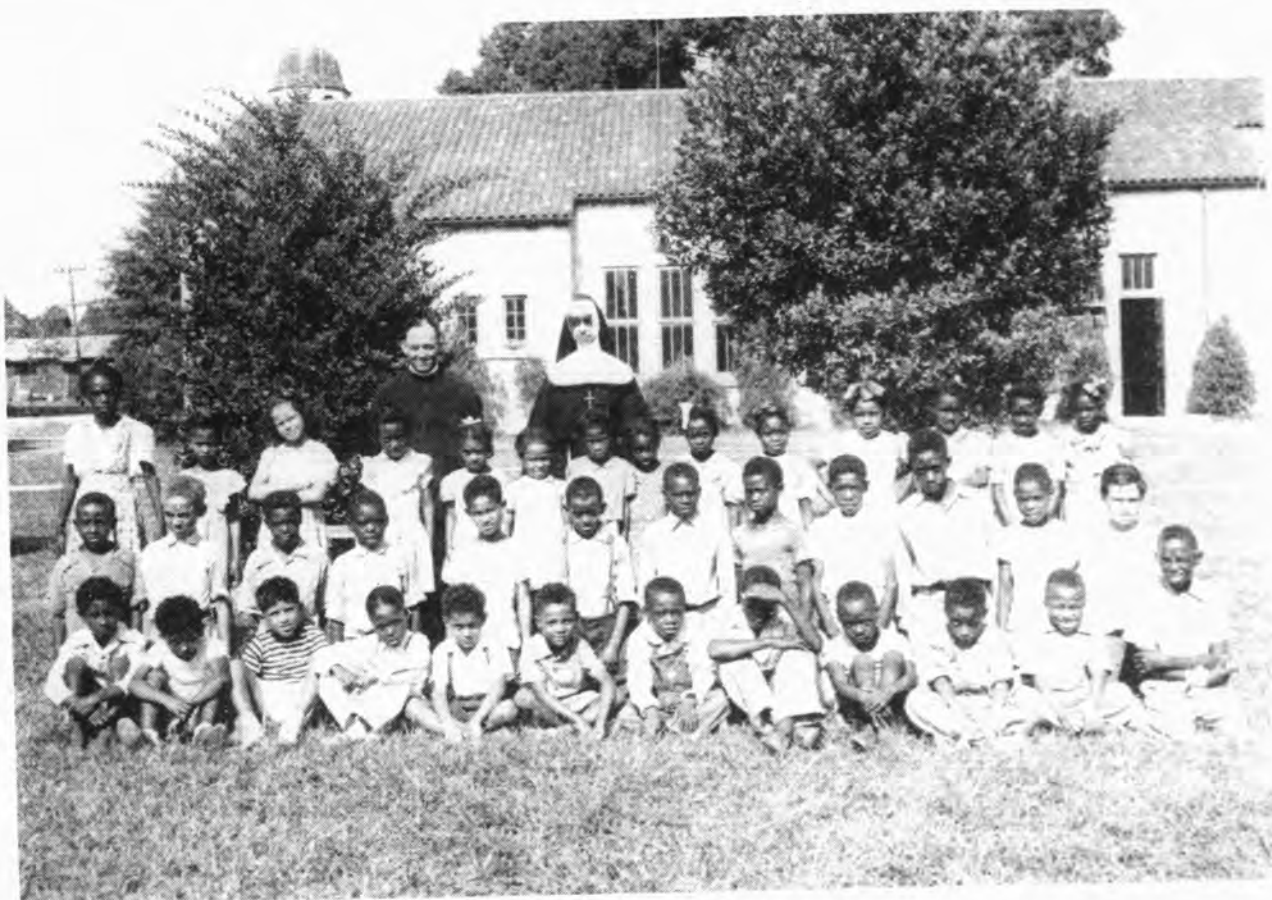
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CHILDREN'S CORNER



My dear Boys and Girls:

My Mail Bag is bulging with letters again, so I will have to use up most of the space this month for the Mail Bag. But before I begin with the many letters from my little friends, I want to ask you one question: *Have you been keeping your Lenten resolutions faithfully?* You are just about in the middle of Lent now. At the beginning of Lent you promised to do something extra for the Dear Lord. Maybe you have slipped up on your promises a couple of times. Maybe you have slipped up many times. Maybe (but I hope this is not true) you have not even kept your promises at all! But, do not become discouraged. There are still a few more weeks left in Lent, and this is the chance for you to make good on those promises to Our Blessed Lord. Tonight, when you kneel beside your bed to say your prayers, ask yourself: "Have I really tried to keep my Lenten resolutions faithfully?" If the answer is "Yes!" well and good; keep up the good work. If the answer is "No!" then get busy before Easter comes and finds you with nothing to offer the Risen Savior.

MY MAIL BAG

Dear Father Howard: I am sure you do not remember me, because I am only one of the 425 children you met when you visited St. Mary's School in Vicksburg, Miss. My name is Bernardine Jackson. I am now a boarder at Holy Rosary Institute in Lafayette, La.

Now to get to the reason of my writing you, Father, we get ST. AUGUSTINE'S MESSENGER, and I would like to join the "Children's Corner." What do I have to do to join? Please let me know real soon, so I will be able to start right away.

I like Holy Rosary School, and I hope that you will be able to come and visit our school sometimes. Please answer real soon. Respectfully yours,

Bernardine Roena Jackson, age 14
Holy Rosary Institute
Lafayette, La.

Bernardine, consider yourself "in." With the publication of your letter you have become a full-fledged member of the "Children's Corner." See how easy it is? Your dues: one letter at least once in a while.

Dear Father Howard: My name is Gloria Broussard. I am a teen-ager, and I am in the eighth grade at St. Francis Xavier's School. Like most teen-agers of today, I like lots of recreation. However, my time isn't devoted just to recreation. I study my lessons each night. Then, if there is any time left, I take part in whatever wholesome fun is available to me. In other words, I try to practice the happy rule: to work hard and then relax.

In spite of the limited recreation in my city, the teen-agers of my group do manage to enjoy themselves in the ways of good recreation, with the help of our parish and its members.

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity of becoming acquainted with you by means of correspondence. I do hope to hear from you whenever time permits. Sincerely yours,

Gloria Broussard, 8th grade
420 Education Street
Baton Rouge, La.

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Teen-agers are welcome to this Corner, Gloria. Your rule of work first and play afterwards is a good one; stick to it! I am glad to see that you are "CHOOSEY" in the right sense: you CHOOSE only good and wholesome recreation. Let's hope that all teen-agers will do the same. And, as far as your lessons in school are concerned, I don't think that you will have much trouble as long as you continue to live on the same street on which you live now.

Dear Father Howard: I just wait for the MESSENGER each month. I am sending some stamps for the Seminary. And, Father, if you have time, please write to me. I won't forget you and the missions in my prayers. Sincerely,

Helen Stubenrauch, age 9
9522 — 120th Street
Richmond Hill 19
Long Island, N. Y.

Thanks very much for the stamps, Helen; and double thanks for your prayers. May God bless you for being so thoughtful.

Dear Father Howard: I intended to write you before now, but have been a little busy. I know you must be very busy.

I was very glad that my story won first prize, and I thank you, Father, for all the trouble it might have given you. I am going to try and write a few other compositions to improve myself.

I read the "Children's Corner" and I enjoy it every month. I love to see what other youngsters my age can do. That is why I'm glad you have that every month. God bless you and keep you always a good priest of God. Faithfully yours,

Belmont Haydel Jr., age 15
3730 S. Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans 15, La.

Glad to know that you have decided to get more practice in composition. Your story was a good one. Maybe one day you will become a famous writer for magazines, or perhaps the author of a good book. The world is in need of more good Catholic writers with strong moral principles to replace the all-too-many rotten writers in the world today. It gives me pleasure to know that you enjoy the "Children's Corner" every month.

ALSO HEARD FROM: **Theresa Lange**, age 13, 1225 Myrtle St., Baton Rouge 10, La.: "We wish you could come and give us a few talks and tell us something about the Seminary and the grotto.... I have seen a picture of the Seminary and it is beautiful."

Sadie Mae Rozier, age 12, 979 Terrace St., Baton Rouge 10, La.: "We will try to come and visit the Seminary.... We are a class of 36 — 24 girls and 12 boys — in the eighth grade. We hope we will graduate this year."

Blanche Davison, age 12, 1123 Max St., Baton Rouge 10, La.: "We enjoy ST. AUGUSTINE'S MESSENGER very much. It has lots of interesting things in it to read about.... I will remember you and all the boys at the Seminary in my prayers."

Louise Domingue, age 15, 487 Louise St., Baton Rouge 13, La.: "I thought I would write and tell you how glad we were to have you visit our class. We were very sorry when you left. For when you left we had to get our English, which is a very difficult subject sometimes."

Ophelia Banks, age 14, 2351 Tennessee St., Baton Rouge, La.: "Sister Rose de Lima is my teacher. She takes great pain to teach us our Catechism and Arithmetic. We got our report cards yesterday."

Lenora Bourgeois, age 13, 1221 North 31st St., Baton Rouge, La.: "I became a Child of Mary on December 8. We had a wonderful feast day for Mary our Mother. I am glad to have the special privilege of being called a Child of Mary.... Please say a little prayer for me. I always remember you in all of my prayers."

My sincere thanks for your welcome letters, my dear Theresa, Sadie, Mae, Blanche, Louise, Ophelia and Lenora. I am praying for all of you. May the good God bless you! Write again sometime.

SHORT STORY CONTEST

The Short Story Contest will end with the June issue of ST. AUGUSTINE'S MESSENGER. All stories must be in by the middle of April. No story will be accepted for the contest if it is mailed AFTER April 15, 1947. So hurry, and get your story into the mailbox right away!

The winner of this month's contest is a pupil of St. Mary's School in the West Indian Islands. He writes the story of his school. See how you like it.

St. Mary's

By

Emmanuel Bertrand

Church Street

Roseau

Dominica, B.W.I.

It was in the year 1931 that a Catholic high school for boys was erected in this British Colony, under the jurisdiction of His Lordship, the Most Reverend James Morris, C.S.S.R., Bishop of the Diocese of Roseau.

The school was opened under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and was named St. Mary's Academy. It was established for the purpose of training boys with a secondary education, and also for the benefit of some Catholic parents who would not con-

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sent to send their sons to the Government High School, which is practically Protestant. St. Mary's is at present the only Catholic high school for boys in Dominica and, proud to say, its training is most excellent.

The majority of the boys are colored and are one hundred in number. The school is divided into five forms, with a staff of six masters of whom the Rev. Father Proesmans, C.S.S.R., is the principal.

For the short while of its existence St. Mary's Academy has done well, and is still doing well toward the education of its students. It was privileged to send one of its students to the Medical College in England to become a doctor; some others are now in Canada as R.A.F. pilots; many are in the Government services here as head teachers, office clerks, agriculturists and sanitary inspectors. And, last but not least, signs of vocations to the priesthood are appearing among some of the boys, and we might have the privilege of seeing some of our students leaving for seminaries in order to prepare themselves as priests of the Lord, for the purpose of saving souls for heaven, thanks to our good Bishop, who had dreamed of so great a work which was very much needed in our Colony.

The End

For writing such a fine composition, Emmanuel will receive a large beautifully colored holy picture, suitable for framing, and a year's free subscription to the MESSENGER.

The runners-up are: *Alton Cobette*, age 12, 6850 Chef Mentour Highway, New Orleans 17, La.; and *Louis Charles*, age 15, 120 College St., St. Martinville, La.

Remember! April 15th is the last day for mailing in your short stories for this contest; so get busy. And be sure to sign your name, and write your address, age, grade and name of your school.

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Make these last few days of Lent good ones, so that your Easter will be glorious! And pray that more and more of the 13 million Negroes in the United States may be converted to the One, True Church.

FATHER HOWARD, S.V.D.
Bay Saint Louis, Miss.

◆ BOOKS ◆

GODWARD by Rev. Frederick A. Houck; 267 pages; price \$2.00. B. Herder Book Co., 15 & 17 South Broadway, St. Louis, Mo.

This is an excellent book by Father Houck with the subtitle: 'The Rugged Path of Joys and Sorrows.' In it he treats of God and man; man made for the purpose of God's honor and glory: man able to know God on this earth, and to be united with Him, and reunited with Him if a break occurs between them: and man finally at rest in God, his All! This book is a handy guide for anyone who likes interesting spiritual reading. It is especially useful as a source of meaty thoughts for one to digest during his day.

INSTRUCTION CARD SERIES — each card is a folder of four sizes; price 1c per card, and a set of 25 for 25c; plastic bound set for an instructor for 50c; published by Rumble & Carty, Radio Replies, St. Paul, Minn.

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THE FAR EAST MUST BE UNDERSTOOD, by H. Van Straelen, S.V.D.; 151 pages; Luzac & Co., 46 Great Russell Street, London, England.

This book is an interesting study of the Far East and of relations with the nations of the Orient. It is a timely exposal of many erroneous notions that Westerners have of countries like Japan and China. In these days, when so much is read in our daily and weekly news sources about these two countries, it is refreshing to read a truly critical study based on experiences and personal knowledge.

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Concerning the Health of the Negro

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Catholics should set an example of brotherhood of all men in Christ. The evil of segregation appears in a particularly repulsive light when committed by Catholics. We recommend that the Catholic Hospital Association, religious orders and individual Catholic hospitals work toward early elimination of discriminatory practices in hospitals and institutions.

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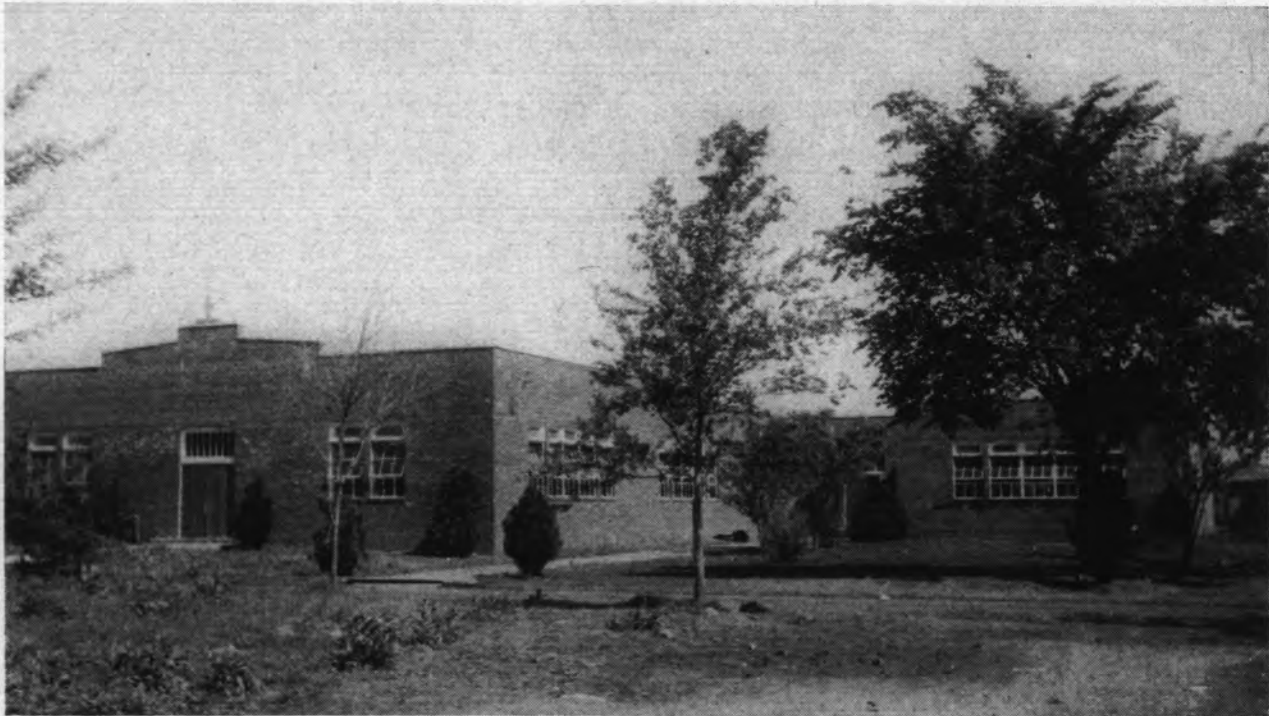
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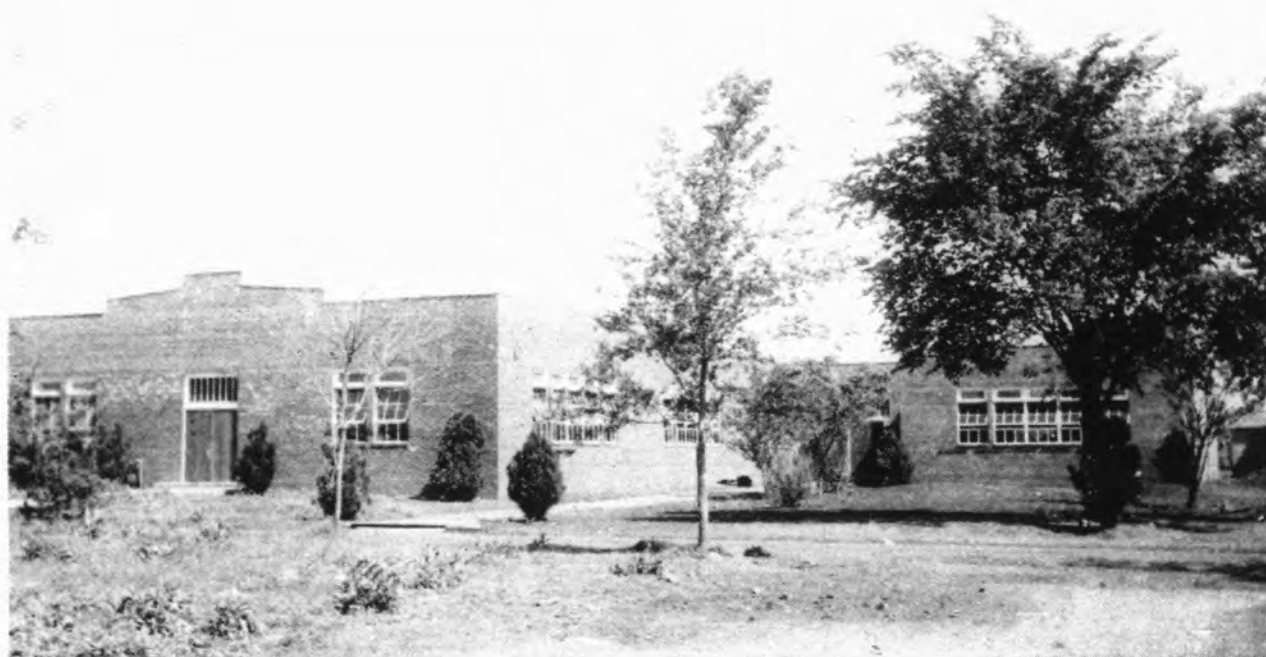
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A NEW PRESIDENT FOR HAITI

On August 16, 1946, Monsieur Dumarsais Estimé was elected President of the Negro Republic of Haiti by the overwhelming majority of the members of the National Assembly. His term will last for six years.

The new president, a practical Catholic, was born April 25, 1900, of humble parents who led an exemplary life. As a youth he attended the primary schools of the Christian Brothers, and completed his higher studies in the capital, Port-au-Prince, where he later became a professor in the secondary school, *Lycée Pétion*. An excellent student, he enrolled in the School of Law of the capital and completed the course with honors. From 1932 to 1946 he was elected every four years to the Chamber of Deputies. For more than two years he served in the presidential cabinet as Secretary of Public Instruction, Agriculture, and Labor. In this position he greatly aided the advancement of education in Haiti.

The new president has a great task ahead of him, for the country has many



**PRESIDENT DUMARSAIS ESTIMÉ
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grave problems, such as lack of sufficient schools and sanitary facilities in rural areas and farming problems.

This French-speaking republic of 10,700 square miles (somewhat larger than New Hampshire) has a population of 3,000,000 souls, most of whom are Catholics. Of the 300 priests working there about 50 are natives.

President Estimé can rely, as all other presidents have done without disappointment, on the cooperation of the Church in his programs for the eradication of illiteracy and the betterment of his people.



THE NATIONAL CAPITOL, PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI

April Saints

April 14 — St. Justin

St. Justin is said to have been the greatest of the early Apologetes. He fearlessly proclaimed Christianity, both in argument with the Jew Trypho and in his "Apologies" to the Emperors and the senate. As in the writings of St. Justin, so in the Mass celebrated in his honor, the antithesis between human learning and divine knowledge is ever recurring. Thus in the Gradual we read: "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God." Under the Emperor Marcus Aurelius Justin was scourged and put to death, April 13, 162. His tomb is believed to be in the Cemetery of St. Priscilla. He was made Patron of Catholic Philosophers in 1882 by Pope Leo XIII. Ask St. Justin to help you defend your faith against the impious arguments of scoffers and unbelievers.

April 23 — St. George

The feast of St. George is found in the Ethiopian, Coptic, Syriac and Latin Liturgies. The ancient "Georgia" is named after him. He is renowned as the armed defender of the Church, one who carried the trophies of victory over the enemy. The Emperor Diocletian had at first favored this illustrious son of a noble family of Cappadocia; but when St. George reproached the Emperor with his cruelty to Christians, he was cast into prison and put to death with such great cruelty that in the Eastern Liturgy he is styled the "Great Martyr." England chose him as her patron in the year 800. Pray to St. George for protection against your enemy, satan.

April 28 — St. Paul

St. Paul of the Cross, born at Ovada, founded the Congregation of Passionists amid the solitary rocks of



THE RESURRECTION

"Christ rising again from the dead, dieth now no more..." (Romans 6:9)

Monte Argentaro. He felt that in order to form apostles and missionaries it was necessary to have retirement from the world, seclusion, spiritual recollection, strict poverty, and austere penance. He preached everywhere the mystery of the Cross. He died in Rome, October 18, 1775. Imitate St. Paul in his love for the

Passion of Christ.

April 29 — St. Peter of Verona

St. Peter was a Dominican priest of unspotted life who labored earnestly for the conversion of heretics. In the end he was cruelly killed near Como in Italy, April 6, 1252. He was the object of widespread veneration in Italy during the Fifteenth Century. In his day heresy was a crime against the state and punished by civil authority. St. Peter, as inquisitor, was thus able to protect the Faith and to save the state from revolution.

April 30 — St. Catherine of Siena

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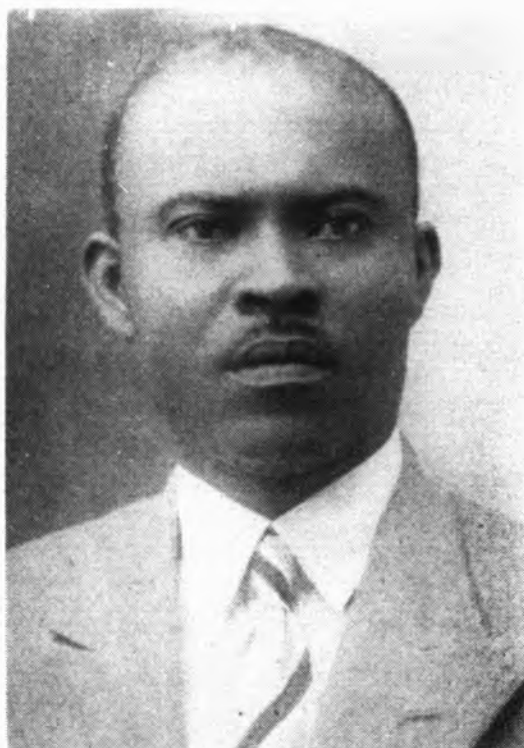
HAPPY EASTER
to our Readers

A NEW PRESIDENT FOR HAITI

On August 16, 1946, Monsieur Dumarsais Estimé was elected President of the Negro Republic of Haiti by the overwhelming majority of the members of the National Assembly. His term will last for six years.

The new president, a practical Catholic, was born April 25, 1900, of humble parents who led an exemplary life. As a youth he attended the primary schools of the Christian Brothers, and completed his higher studies in the capital, Port-au-Prince, where he later became a professor in the secondary school, *Lycée Pétion*. An excellent student, he enrolled in the School of Law of the capital and completed the course with honors. From 1932 to 1946 he was elected every four years to the Chamber of Deputies. For more than two years he served in the presidential cabinet as Secretary of Public Instruction, Agriculture, and Labor. In this position he greatly aided the advancement of education in Haiti.

The new president has a great task ahead of him, for the country has many



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grave problems, such as lack of sufficient schools and sanitary facilities in rural areas and farming problems.

This French-speaking republic of 10,700 square miles (somewhat larger than New Hampshire) has a population of 3,000,000 souls, most of whom are Catholics. Of the 300 priests working there about 50 are natives.

President Estimé can rely, as all other presidents have done without disappointment, on the cooperation of the Church in his programs for the eradication of illiteracy and the betterment of his people.



THE NATIONAL CAPITOL, PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI

April Saints

April 14 — St. Justin

St. Justin is said to have been the greatest of the early Apologetes. He fearlessly proclaimed Christianity, both in argument with the Jew Trypho and in his "Apologies" to the Emperors and the senate. As in the writings of St. Justin, so in the Mass celebrated in his honor, the antithesis between human learning and divine knowledge is ever recurring. Thus in the Gradual we read: "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God." Under the Emperor Marcus Aurelius Justin was scourged and put to death, April 13, 162. His tomb is believed to be in the Cemetery of St. Priscilla. He was made Patron of Catholic Philosophers in 1882 by Pope Leo XIII. Ask St. Justin to help you defend your faith against the impious arguments of scoffers and unbelievers.

April 23 — St. George

The feast of St. George is found in the Ethiopian, Coptic, Syriac and Latin Liturgies. The ancient "Georgia" is named after him. He is renowned as the armed defender of the Church, one who carried the trophies of victory over the enemy. The Emperor Diocletian had at first favored this illustrious son of a noble family of Cappadocia; but when St. George reproached the Emperor with his cruelty to Christians, he was cast into prison and put to death with such great cruelty that in the Eastern Liturgy he is styled the "Great Martyr." England chose him as her patron in the year 800. Pray to St. George for protection against your enemy, satan.

April 28 — St. Paul

St. Paul of the Cross, born at Ovada, founded the Congregation of Passionists amid the solitary rocks of



THE RESURRECTION

"Christ rising again from the dead, dieth now no more...." (Romans 6:9)

Monte Argentaro. He felt that in order to form apostles and missionaries it was necessary to have retirement from the world, seclusion, spiritual recollection, strict poverty, and austere penance. He preached everywhere the mystery of the Cross. He died in Rome, October 18, 1775. Imitate St. Paul in his love for the

Passion of Christ.

April 29 — St. Peter of Verona

St. Peter was a Dominican priest of unspotted life who labored earnestly for the conversion of heretics. In the end he was cruelly killed near Como in Italy, April 6, 1252. He was the object of widespread veneration in Italy during the Fifteenth Century. In his day heresy was a crime against the state and punished by civil authority. St. Peter, as inquisitor, was thus able to protect the Faith and to save the state from revolution.

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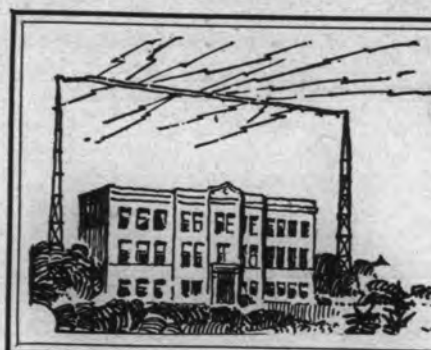
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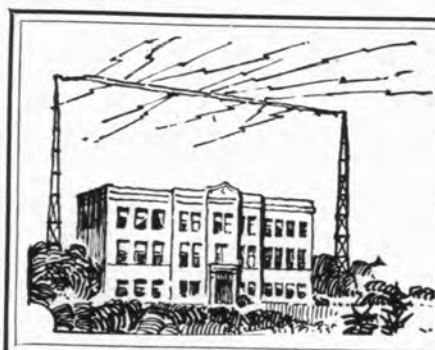
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(Readers are invited to send in the names of other Catholic high schools which admit qualified Negro students.)

ARIZONA

St. Mary's Boys' High School, Phoenix, Ariz. (Franciscan Fathers)
St. Mary's Girls' High School, Phoenix, Ariz. (Sisters of the Precious Blood)

CALIFORNIA

Cathedral High School for Boys, Los Angeles, Calif. (Brothers of Christian Schools)
Corvallis High School, Studio City, Calif. (Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary)
Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy, Pasadena, Calif. (Dominican Sisters)
Los Angeles Catholic Girls' High School, Los Angeles, Calif. (Diocesan Priests; 7 Communities of Sisters)
Loyola High School, Los Angeles, Calif. (Jesuit Fathers)
Mount Carmel High School, Los Angeles, Calif. (Carmelite Fathers)
St. Agnes' High School, Los Angeles, Calif. (Sisters of the Holy Cross)
St. Joseph's Academy, Sacramento, Calif. (Sisters of Mercy)
St. Mary's Academy, Los Angeles, Calif. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
St. Mary's College High School, Berkeley, Calif. (Brothers of Christian Schools)

COLORADO

Annunciation High School, Denver, Colo. (Sisters of Charity)
Cathedral High School, Denver, Colo. (Sisters of Charity)
Regis High School, Denver, Colo. (Jesuit Fathers)

ILLINOIS

Cathedral Boys' High School, Springfield, Ill. (Viatorian Fathers)
Cathedral High School for Boys, Belleville, Ill. (Brothers of Mary)
Mundelein Cathedral High School, Chicago, Ill. (Sisters of Charity of B.V.M.)
Notre Dame High School, Quincy, Ill. (School Sisters of Notre Dame)
Our Lady Academy, Manteno, Ill. (Sisters of the Holy Heart of Mary)
Quincy College High School, Quincy, Ill. (Franciscan Fathers)
Sacred Heart Academy, Springfield, Ill. (Dominican Sisters)
St. Ignatius High School, Chicago, Ill. (Jesuit Fathers)
St. Malachy's High School, Chicago, Ill. (Sisters of Mercy)
St. Patrick's Academy, Momence, Ill. (Sisters of the Holy Heart of Mary)
St. Philip's High School, Chicago, Ill. (Servite Fathers and Brothers; Viatorian Fathers and Brothers)
Schlarman High School, Danville, Ill. (Sisters of the Holy Cross)

INDIANA

Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, Ind. (Holy Cross Brothers)
Central Catholic High School, South Bend, Ind. (Holy Cross Brothers)
Reitz Memorial High School, Evansville, Ind. (Holy Cross Brothers; Sisters of Providence)
Sacred Heart Academy, Indianapolis, Ind. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
St. Agnes' Academy, Indianapolis, Ind. (Sisters of Providence)
St. John's Academy, Indianapolis, Ind. (Sisters of Providence)
St. Mary's Academy, Indianapolis, Ind. (Franciscan Sisters)
St. Patrick's High School, Terre Haute, Ind. (Sisters of Providence)

IOWA

Immaculate Conception Academy, Dubuque, Iowa. (Franciscan Sisters)
Loras Academy, Dubuque, Iowa. (Diocesan Priests)
St. Ambrose's Academy, Davenport, Iowa (Diocesan Priests)
St. Joseph's Academy, Dubuque, Iowa. (Sisters of Charity of the B.V.M.)

KANSAS

Immaculate Conception High School, St. Mary's, Kansas. (Sisters of Charity)
St. Mary's Academy, Leavenworth, Kansas. (Sisters of Charity)
Ward High School, Kansas City, Kansas. (Sisters of Charity)

MAINE

Cathedral High School, Portland, Maine (Sisters of Mercy)

MASSACHUSETTS

Angel Guardian High School, Boston, Mass. (Brothers of Charity)

MICHIGAN

All Saints' High School, Flint, Mich. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
St. John's High School, Jackson, Mich. (Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary)
St. Matthew's High School, Flint, Mich. (Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary)
St. Michael's High School, Flint, Mich. (Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary)

MINNESOTA

De La Salle High School, Minneapolis, Minn. (Brothers of Christian Schools)
St. Francis High School, Little Falls, Minn. (Franciscan Sisters)
St. Joseph's Academy, Crookston, Minn. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
St. Margaret's Academy, Minneapolis, Minn. (Sisters of St. Joseph)

MISSOURI

St. Louis University High School, St. Louis, Mo. (Jesuit Fathers)

NEBRASKA

Boys Town High School, Boys Town, Nebr. (Lay Teachers)

HONOR ROLL (continued)

NEW JERSEY

Bayley High School, Morristown, N. J. (Sisters of Charity)
 Cathedral Catholic Girls' High School, Trenton, N. J. (Sisters of Mercy)
 Holy Spirit High School, Atlantic City, N. J. (Sisters of Mercy)
 Pope Pius XII Memorial High School, Passaic, N. J. (Diocesan Priests; Dominican Sisters)
 St. Bonaventure High School, Paterson, N. J. (Missionary Franciscan Sisters)
 St. Elizabeth's Academy, Convent Station, N. J. (Sisters of Charity)
 St. John's Cathedral High School, Paterson, N. J. (Sisters of Charity)
 St. Joseph's High School, Paterson, N. J. (Sisters of Charity)
 St. Mary's High School, Paterson, N. J. (Dominican Sisters)
 St. Nicholas' High School, Atlantic City, N. J. (Sisters of Mercy)
 Trenton Catholic Boys' High School, Trenton, N. J. (Franciscan Conventual Fathers)

NEW YORK

Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School, Brooklyn, N. Y. (5 Communities of Sisters)
 Canisius High School, Buffalo, N. Y. (Jesuit Fathers)
 Cathedral High School, New York, N. Y. (5 Communities of Sisters)
 Cardinal Hayes High School, New York, N. Y. (Diocesan Priests; 3 Communities of Brothers)
 Fordham Preparatory School, Bronx, N. Y. (Jesuit Fathers and Brothers)
 Holy Family High School, Bronx, N. Y. (Brothers of the Christian Schools)
 Manhattan College Preparatory School, Bronx, N. Y. (Brothers of Christian Schools)
 Mount St. Ursula Academy for Girls, Bronx, N. Y. (Ursuline Sisters)
 Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, New York, N. Y. (Xaverian Brothers)
 St. Agnes' High School, New York, N. Y. (Marist Brothers)
 St. Barnabas High School, Bronx, N. Y. (Sisters of Charity)
 St. Gabriel's High School, New Rochelle, N. Y. (Sisters of Charity)
 St. Joseph's Academy, Schenectady, N. Y. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
 St. Nicholas of Tolentino High School, Bronx, N. Y. (Brothers of Christian Schools; Dominican Sisters)
 St. Simon Stock High School, Bronx, N. Y. (Carmelite Fathers; Sisters of Mercy)

OHIO

Catholic Central High School, Chillicothe, Ohio (Sisters of Charity)
 Catholic Central High School, Springfield, Ohio (Sisters of Charity)
 Central Catholic High School, Toledo, Ohio (Diocesan Priests; Oblates of St. Francis de Sales; 6 Communities of Sisters)
 Chaminade High School, Dayton, Ohio (Marianist Fathers and Brothers)
 Elder High School, Cincinnati, Ohio (Diocesan Priests)
 Julianne High School, Dayton, Ohio (Sisters of Notre Dame)
 Mother of Mercy Academy, Cincinnati, Ohio (Sisters of Mercy)
 Notre Dame Academy, Toledo, Ohio (Sisters of Notre Dame)
 Notre Dame High School, Hamilton, Ohio (Sisters of Notre Dame)
 Our Lady of Angels High School, St. Bernard, Ohio (Franciscan Sisters)
 Our Lady of Mercy High School, Cincinnati, Ohio (Sisters of Mercy)
 Piqua Catholic High School, Piqua, Ohio (Sisters of Mercy)
 Purcell High School, Cincinnati, Ohio (Marianist Brothers)
 Regina High School, Norwood, Ohio (Sisters of the Precious Blood)
 Roger Bacon High School, St. Bernard, Ohio (Franciscan Fathers)
 St. Brigid's High School, Xenia, Ohio (Sisters of Charity)
 St. Gabriel's High School, Glendale, Ohio (Sisters of Charity)
 St. Mary's High School, Cincinnati, Ohio (Sisters of Charity)
 Ursuline High School, Youngstown, Ohio (Ursuline Sisters)

PENNSYLVANIA

Catholic District High School for Boys, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Brothers of Mary)
 Central Catholic High School, Johnstown, Pa. (5 Communities of Sisters)
 Harrisburg Catholic High School, Harrisburg, Pa. (3 Communities of Sisters)
 Holy Rosary High School for Girls, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
 John Hallahan Catholic High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (7 Communities of Sisters)
 LaSalle College High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (Brothers of Christian Schools)
 Little Flower Catholic High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (10 Communities of Sisters)
 North Catholic Boys' High School, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Brothers of Mary)
 Northeast Catholic High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (Oblates of St. Francis de Sales)
 Notre Dame Catholic Girls' High School, Moylan, Pa. (Sisters of Notre Dame)
 Notre Dame Catholic Girls' High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (Sisters of Notre Dame)
 Roman Catholic High School for Boys, Philadelphia, Pa. (Diocesan Priests)
 St. Hubert's Catholic High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (5 Communities of Sisters)
 St. John the Baptist High School for Girls, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Sisters of Charity)
 St. John the Baptist High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (Marianist Brothers; Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary)
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 St. Paul's Cathedral High School for Girls, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Sisters of Mercy)
 St. Thomas More High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (Diocesan Clergy)
 Slovak Girls Academy, Danville, Pa. (Sisters of St. Cyril and Methodius)
 Southeast Catholic High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (Premonstratensian Fathers)
 West Philadelphia Catholic High School, Phila., Pa. (Brothers of Christian Schools)
 West Philadelphia Catholic High School, Phila., Pa. (7 Communities of Sisters)

RHODE ISLAND

St. Xavier's Academy, Providence, R. I. (Sisters of Mercy)

WASHINGTON

Gonzaga High School, Spokane, Wash. (Jesuit Fathers)
 Seattle Preparatory High School, Seattle, Wash. (Jesuit Fathers)

WISCONSIN

Marquette University High School, Milwaukee, Wis. (Jesuit Fathers)
 Messmer High School, Milwaukee, Wis. (Diocesan Priests; 2 Communities of Sisters)

"Message to Negroes"

A new pamphlet with the title: *Message to Negroes* has just been published by the Liguorian Pamphlet Office in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. It is believed that this publication is unique, in as much as it seems to be the only Catholic pamphlet in circulation directed to Negroes.

For more than ten years Father Donald J. Corrigan, C.Ss.R., instructor of Religion at St. Joseph's High School, St. Louis, Missouri, had witnessed tons of non-Catholic literature, particularly Communist, "literally hurled at the Negro people for whom he was working." In the meantime the good Father looked in vain for a Catholic pamphlet which would counteract all this intellectual poison and also be suitable for colored people, both Catholic and non-Catholic. For that reason, after consultation with a number of Catholic Negroes, he proceeded to write this pamphlet.

In any modern day work of Negroes there are two points that must be emphasized: (1) that Communism is not only theoretically immoral and disastrous, but actually that it does not bring prosperity and justice and freedom from discrimination in Russia; (2) that there is no room for discrimination in the true Catholic Church. Father Corrigan has built his pamphlet around these two propositions, knowing that thousands of colored people have been seriously influenced by the *Russo-philes* Paul Robeson and Langston Hughes and that any Negro approach to the Catholic Church is usually largely influenced by the hope of relief from racial persecution.

The 32-page pamphlet contains an introduction and two chapters: the first entitled "Communism: Not a Cure, but a Curse"; and the second "The Cure: Only in God and His Church."

The first chapter explains in simple language the true make-up of Communism, with emphasis on its denial of God and religion, its inevitable immorality and dictatorship in matters of hu-

● Pamphlet with a purpose

man rights. It quotes the repudiation of Communists in America by A. Philip Randolph, foremost Negro labor leader (AFL) in the United States. It likewise extensively reproduces the testimony of a Russian ex-Communist, Liberov, as to the impossible and tyrannical living and working conditions in Russia today. To the Communist boast that there is no racial prejudice in Russia, it replies that there are few or no Negroes in Russia, that certain groups are bitterly discriminated against and persecuted in Russia, that there are far more slaves in Russia today than there ever were before the Civil War in America. The chapter concludes with a description of the plan of the American Communists not to help the Negro really but to disrupt our social economy in order "to swell their coffers with money and man power and thus carry on the orders of Moscow."

In his appeal to Negroes to join the Catholic Church Father Corrigan points out the fact that throughout the world more colored people belong to the Catholic Church than to any other denomination; that in Catholic countries there is actually no discrimination; that prejudice in the United States had its origin in a South that was mainly Protestant; that the Catholic Church, far from being a "white man's Church," administers to all nations; that if and when individual Catholics are "affected by the poison of their surroundings" and are prejudiced, they are acting contrary to the teachings of their faith. Included also are a brief explanation of the social history of the Church in eliminating slavery and the reasons for the fewness of Catholics in the South. Emphasis is put on the statements of recent Negro converts, such as Claude McKay, and particularly on the teachings of Pope Pius XII in championing the unity of the human family and condemn-



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ing racial injustices. This section concludes with a brief apology for the Church, proving that the Catholic Church alone can be the Church founded by Christ and therefore the only hope of the world, especially for those who are the victims of intolerance.

As little financial support can be expected from non-Catholic Negroes, for whom the pamphlet has been mainly written, Father Corrigan has ventured the booklet in the hope that priests, nuns, organizations and Catholic lay people may find it valuable for the colored apostolate. The pamphlet is priced at 10c per copy, but in lots of 100 it will be at 7c, while in larger quantities the price will be adjusted by the publisher. From an interracial viewpoint white Catholics can read the pamphlet with profit and will probably find it interesting. "Message to Negroes" may be ordered from the Liguorian Pamphlet Office, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

OPERATION "OKLAHOMA"

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the Holy Family from New Orleans, Louisiana.

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"Message to Negroes"

A new pamphlet with the title: *Message to Negroes* has just been published by the Liguorian Pamphlet Office in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. It is believed that this publication is unique, in as much as it seems to be the only Catholic pamphlet in circulation directed to Negroes.

For more than ten years Father Donald J. Corrigan, C.Ss.R., instructor of Religion at St. Joseph's High School, St. Louis, Missouri, had witnessed tons of non-Catholic literature, particularly Communist, "literally hurled at the Negro people for whom he was working." In the meantime the good Father looked in vain for a Catholic pamphlet which would counteract all this intellectual poison and also be suitable for colored people, both Catholic and non-Catholic. For that reason, after consultation with a number of Catholic Negroes, he proceeded to write this pamphlet.

In any modern day work of Negroes there are two points that must be emphasized: (1) that Communism is not only theoretically immoral and disastrous, but actually that it does not bring prosperity and justice and freedom from discrimination in Russia; (2) that there is no room for discrimination in the true Catholic Church. Father Corrigan has built his pamphlet around these two propositions, knowing that thousands of colored people have been seriously influenced by the *Russo-philes* Paul Robeson and Langston Hughes and that any Negro approach to the Catholic Church is usually largely influenced by the hope of relief from racial persecution.

The 32-page pamphlet contains an introduction and two chapters: the first entitled "Communism: Not a Cure, but a Curse"; and the second "The Cure: Only in God and His Church."

The first chapter explains in simple language the true make-up of Communism, with emphasis on its denial of God and religion, its inevitable immorality and dictatorship in matters of hu-

● Pamphlet with a purpose

man rights. It quotes the repudiation of Communists in America by A. Philip Randolph, foremost Negro labor leader (AFL) in the United States. It likewise extensively reproduces the testimony of a Russian ex-Communist, Liberov, as to the impossible and tyrannical living and working conditions in Russia today. To the Communist boast that there is no racial prejudice in Russia, it replies that there are few or no Negroes in Russia, that certain groups are bitterly discriminated against and persecuted in Russia, that there are far more slaves in Russia today than there ever were before the Civil War in America. The chapter concludes with a description of the plan of the American Communists not to help the Negro really but to disrupt our social economy in order "to swell their coffers with money and man power and thus carry on the orders of Moscow."

In his appeal to Negroes to join the Catholic Church Father Corrigan points out the fact that throughout the world more colored people belong to the Catholic Church than to any other denomination; that in Catholic countries there is actually no discrimination; that prejudice in the United States had its origin in a South that was mainly Protestant; that the Catholic Church, far from being a "white man's Church," administers to all nations; that if and when individual Catholics are "affected by the poison of their surroundings" and are prejudiced, they are acting contrary to the teachings of their faith. Included also are a brief explanation of the social history of the Church in eliminating slavery and the reasons for the fewness of Catholics in the South. Emphasis is put on the statements of recent Negro converts, such as Claude McKay, and particularly on the teachings of Pope Pius XII in championing the unity of the human family and condemn-



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ing racial injustices. This section concludes with a brief apology for the Church, proving that the Catholic Church alone can be the Church founded by Christ and therefore the only hope of the world, especially for those who are the victims of intolerance.

As little financial support can be expected from non-Catholic Negroes, for whom the pamphlet has been mainly written, Father Corrigan has ventured the booklet in the hope that priests, nuns, organizations and Catholic lay people may find it valuable for the colored apostolate. The pamphlet is priced at 10c per copy, but in lots of 100 it will be at 7c, while in larger quantities the price will be adjusted by the publisher. From an interracial viewpoint white Catholics can read the pamphlet with profit and will probably find it interesting. "Message to Negroes" may be ordered from the Liguorian Pamphlet Office, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

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BRIGHT SPOTS IN THE NEWS

Pittsburgh Stores Stop Discrimination

Two years of patient efforts by the Pittsburgh Urban League have led to a signal victory in the interests of democracy and equality of opportunity. The five largest department stores in Pittsburgh, Pa., have dropped their generation-old policy of discriminating against Negroes in hiring and upgrading. Toward the end of January, these stores made the public statement that henceforth Negro applicants would take the same chances as whites. They would be hired on their ability and fitness for the job, and upgraded by the same standard. Although the attitude of the customers in some of the stores would have to be studied, the general policy and practice of the management was to be no discrimination. The Urban League and those who supported its stand are to be commended for this notable victory against racial bars.

Negro Nurses and Their Cause Advance

For the first time Negro nurses will be admitted to the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing. This announcement was made by the Division of Negro Welfare, Council of Social Agencies. Promising applicants will be given an entrance examination in the spring. Furthermore, college officials are making plans for an integrated course including dormitory accommodations.

For the first time Negro graduate nurses are employed in the Mobile, Alabama, City Hospital. In the same institution, which is under the direction of the Sisters of Charity, three Negro student nurses from Tuskegee are in residence for several months' training and practice in obstetrics.

Awards and Honors

A Research Fellowship in Pediatrics was awarded to Dr. E. Perry Crump, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Meharry Medical College by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. This enables Dr. Crump to con-

tinue his graduate studies at Minnesota University.

The 1946 Mademoiselle Merit Award for signal achievement in law was won by Miss Pauli Murray. She is a member of the legal staff of the Commission on Law and Social Action of the American Jewish Congress. Before joining the staff of the American Jewish Congress to aid in its campaign against racial discrimination, Miss Murray graduated from University Law School, was a recipient of a Rosenwald Fellowship, and was temporary Deputy Attorney General for the State of California.

The Negro medical profession won another honor when Dr. Ernest Raymond Alexander was elected to Fellowship in the New York Academy of Medicine. Dr. Alexander, a 1919 graduate of the University of Vermont, has been active for years in the medical and civic affairs of the City of New York. His election to Fellowship in the New York Academy of Medicine will add to his opportunities for further study in his special field of dermatology and syphilology.

Bills and Ordinances for Democracy

In the Pennsylvania legislature a bill to outlaw the Ku Klux Klan and any similar organizations was filed on February third of this year. The bill proposed to give members of such organization 20 days to terminate their membership or be guilty of a misdemeanor. It was aimed at any organization, group, or society, which practices or advocates through dissemination of propaganda literature or publicity or by the use of terrorism, threats or demonstrations and other fear-engendered methods, the persecution of persons because of their race, creed or color.

An anti-hate bill was introduced also in the Indiana state legislature with the purpose of outlawing all hate organizations that try to hamper the liberties of persons because of race, creed, or color. This bill has wide support throughout the state.

By a vote of 21 to 3, the Minneapolis City Council passed an ordinance mak-

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ing racial or religious discrimination by employers or labor unions a criminal offense.

A bill similar to the Minneapolis one was introduced to the Missouri legislature by two Negro Representatives, William Massingale, and James Neal. Their measure provides penalties against unions and employers who discriminate against workers because of race, religion or national origin. This is the first time legislation of this nature has ever been introduced into a Missouri assembly.

Unusual Award

The Women's Scholarship Association, a Jewish Organization, has bestowed a valuable award, a scholarship covering most of the expenses of an entire semester, on a young Negro girl of Boston. An official of the organization announced the granting of the award to Barbara Ann Thomas, a freshman of Boston University. This makes possible the continued pursuit by Miss Thomas of the preliminary work leading to her eventual field in biological chemistry and medical research. The young lady had once before received an award by the Charles M. Cox Fund. This newest award is an unusual gesture in interracial faith and good will.

REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS

"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead..."

(2 Mac. 12:46)

In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Rev. John van Stiphont, S.V.D., who died in the Netherlands;

Brother Andronicus, S.V.D., who died in Argentina;

Brother Bernard, S.V.D., who died in Germany;

Brother Cyprian, S.V.D., who died in Brazil;

Brother Protasius, S.V.D., who died in Germany;

Brother Serapion, S.V.D., who died in Germany;

Joseph Labat, who died in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, February 13, 1947.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

◆ BOOKS ◆

THE JAMES A. BLAND ALBUM OF OUTSTANDING SONGS, edited by Charles Haywood; 72 pages; price \$1.50; published by Edward B. Marks Music Corporation, R. C. A. Building, Radio City, New York 20, N. Y.

This album is the first compilation of the best melodies of James A. Bland, the celebrated Negro song writer. He has been called the Negro "Stephen Foster," and many of his heart-catching tunes show the reason why. This book contains such still-popular favorite as "In the Evening by the Moonlight," "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny," and "Oh, Dem Golden Slippers." Others of the nineteen pieces clearly show the style of the composer, and give a good reason for their own popularity on the minstrel stage of days gone by. The first number in the book, the immortal "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny" was officially adopted as the State Song of Virginia in 1940. That is a worthy tribute to the genius of a man who in his day was widely known and acclaimed.

HEART AFIRE by Rev. M. D. Forrest, M.S.C.; 63 pages; price \$1.50; published by the Sentinel Press, 194 East 76 Street, New York 21, N. Y.

This is a very interesting book explaining by means of illustration, story, and parable, the devotion of Catholics to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The author's treatment of his matter in an easily understandable way and his lively vigorous style make this book very readable. The arrangement of the matter in short, thought-provoking paragraphs also helps to make its reading profitable both for the purpose of instruction and of meditation.

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My dear Boys and Girls:

A Happy Easter to each and every one of you! If you tried hard to keep your Lenten resolutions, then I know that your Easter was a very happy one, because the Dear Lord will never let us do more for Him than He does for us.

Easter is a joyous occasion, not just because it marks the end of Lent, but because it commemorates the Resurrection — the beginning of Our Lord's Glorious Life — and gives us the hope of some day sharing that Glorious Life with Christ the Savior in Heaven. So, during these weeks of the Easter Season think often of Christ's Resurrection and our resurrection and Heaven. In this way you can keep the Easter joy alive in your heart.

MY MAIL BAG

Dear Father Howard: I am in the eighth grade at Holy Family School. My teacher keeps a stack of magazines on a stand in our classroom. The other day I picked up one of them to read, and it happened to be the **ST. AUGUSTINE'S MESSENGER**. I read it from cover to cover, and have never read a finer magazine.

I discovered your "Children's Corner" Short Story Contest, and it especially appealed to me because I am interested in writing as a sort of hobby. So I have decided to try my luck with a short story of my own. It is called "The Bride." In magazines and papers we read constantly of weddings and beautiful brides. My story, too, is about a bride, but another kind of bride. I would be grateful if you would

write and tell me whether my story has a chance.

Thank you for a wonderful magazine! Keep on bringing us more like it! Respectfully yours,

Therese Geis, age 13
208 Burkhardt Avenue
Dayton 3, Ohio

Ah! Therese, you little psychologist (ask your teacher what that means), you wouldn't be trying to get on my good side by praising the **MESSENGER**, would you? Or WOULD you? Anyway, thanks for your letter and for your very nice story. For results, see the following page for the decision of the three judges.

Dear Father Howard: We appreciated your mission very much, even though it was only one week. We of the seventh and eighth grades have been trying to put into practice what you tried so hard to put into our hearts, and we are trying very hard to be better boys and girls.

We are sure that after your mission in our parish many people have changed their way of living. You told them that Christ died for us, and that even when we are not thinking of Him, He is thinking of us. We now have 13 converts since your mission.

Father, we are praying very hard for vocations in our class, so please pray that we may obtain our request.

The Sisters have at last moved into their new convent here, so now they are close to school and will not have to cross the Mississippi River twice every day to teach us as they have been doing.

We are very sorry you had to leave so soon. We will remember you in our prayers.

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May God bless you and your Guardian Angel guide you. Sincerely yours,
The Seventh and Eighth Grades
All Saints School
Algiers, La.

I was delighted to receive your lovely letter, and to hear that you are really trying so hard to become better and better. That's a very fine idea, I mean the one about praying for vocations in your class. I'll put that intention in my prayers also. Congratulations to the Sisters on their new convent.

Dear Father Howard: This is my first letter to you but I have always wanted to write you. I am now in the seventh grade. Father, do you know my brother? His name is Joseph Slye.

I enjoy reading the MESSENGER. Please keep up the good work. Please pray for me and my brother. May God bless you and keep you well. From

Mary Ann Slye, age 13
712 Col. Road, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Glad to receive your letter, Mary Ann. Yes, I know your brother. He visited us here at the Seminary soon after he got out of the Army. Write again sometime.

Dear Father Howard: I am very sorry that I did not write before, but you know how it is, Father, when you are studying for a test. Here are my marks: Religion A, English A, Spelling A, Reading B, Arithmetic C, Social Science D, Penmanship B. Music C, Health and Physical Education A. Father, please pray that I may have better marks next time. I will send my marks again next time.

I must close my letter now to go and study my Catechism and History. I just love Catechism. Tell all of the priests "Hello" for me. I will write you again. Sincerely yours,

Lois Bernard, age 12
Route 1, Box 65
Reserve, La.

I think those are very nice marks, Lois, but of course they COULD be better. Tell you what I'll do: I'll pray for you to make better marks if you'll also pray — and STUDY — to make better marks. Is it a "go"? O.K.

Dear Father Howard: This is my first time writing to you. I am being a good boy. I go to Mass every day and receive Holy Communion.

I have a new teacher. Her name is Miss Altemus, and she is very nice to the children. I am in the 7th grade and I am studying very hard. I know my Latin to be an altar boy.

I visited the Seminary once and it is a beautiful place, but you were not there. I was very sorry. I hope to come to the Seminary when I finish the 8th grade. I will remember you in my prayers. I have to close my letter now. Goodbye for a while. Yours truly,

Edwin Fiffil, age 13
Box 64
Edgard, La.

It is nice to receive a letter from you, Edwin, and to now that you want to come to the Seminary. Keep on trying to be a good boy, and continue going to Mass and Communion as often as you can. And every day on your way home after school get into the habit of dropping into the church to make a little visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Each time remind Him that you want to become a priest, and that you need His help and blessing. Thanks for your prayers; I shall remember you in mine.

SHORT STORY CONTEST

The winner for this month is an eighth-grader of Holy Family School, Dayton, Ohio. As prizes she gets a year's free subscription to the MESSENGER and a large beautifully colored holy picture suitable for framing. Here is her story:

THE BRIDE

by

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The happiest day of Catherine's life dawned clear and warm. Catherine was as ecstatically happy as only a girl who is deeply and completely in love can be. "Today — today I am to be his bride!" her heart sang over and over again. Spread out on the bed in her room were her beautiful white gown and veil, the gown and veil she would wear today! Too happy to do much of anything else, she wandered from room to room of the big house, watching her sisters prepare for the wonderful event. In a little while Catherine would don the lovely gown and veil, but now, just now while the family was together, she wanted to go through the house and see all the beloved things she had known since childhood just as they were now, so that she could take the happy memory of them

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with her to her new home. Only one thing marred her happiness: she wished her mother, who had died just a year before, were here to see her now — to see her as a bride.

In the room she and her 14-year-old sister Helen shared, Catherine found Helen standing by the window looking out. "A penny for your thoughts," Catherine said gaily, slipping her arm about her sister's waist.

Helen smiled. "Happy, Catherine?" she asked wistfully. Catherine nodded. "Very happy!" she breathed.

Suddenly, with a choked breath, Helen buried her face against Catherine's shoulder. "Oh, Cathy!" she cried. "You're going away and I'll never see you again!"

"Helen, Helen!" Catherine laughed. "You know better than that! Just because I'm going to be a bride doesn't mean I can't ever see you! That's silly!"

Helen sniffed forlornly. "Really?" she asked doubtfully.

"Of course!" Catherine laughed. "You know I'll see you and Dad and the girls many times yet! You'd think I was going to prison!"

Convinced at last, Helen smiled through her tears. "I guess I did act rather silly," she said. "I'm sorry, Cathy."

Then, from the room across the hall, Catherine's sister Eleanor called, "Come on, Cathy. It's time for you to get dressed."

"Want to help me?" Catherine asked Helen. The girl nodded eagerly. They left the room together.

On the way to the chapel, no one said anything. It seemed to the family as if they were with their Catherine for the last time. True, she would see them on visits, but she would never again be quite all their own. Catherine pressed her father's hand softly, as if sensing what he was thinking. Helen stroked the soft taffeta of her skirt, smiling a little to herself. Eleanor's eyes

proudly followed the folds of the white veil. Truly their sister was a beautiful bride!

Outside the chapel, Catherine kissed each of her sisters. Helen clung to her wordlessly. Eleanor winked back tears of both sorrow and joy as she said, "Take care of yourself, and we'll all pray for you, dear." Her father surveyed her with pride, and then suddenly held her close. "God bless you, and may you be very happy," he whispered. "I will, Dad, oh! I will!" she breathed.

Catherine started slowly down the aisle, leaning on her father's arm. Her eyes were twin stars. Heaven must be like this, she thought happily.

The priest was waiting by the altar. My spouse is waiting, she thought, as she entered the cloistered gates. The nuns, kneeling in silent rows, waited for their young novice. As the high cloister gates closed and Catherine knelt before the altar, it seemed as if the Crucified Christ, from the Cross above the tabernacle, was smiling at her. In adoration, the young girl's eyes sought the image of her Heavenly Bridegroom.

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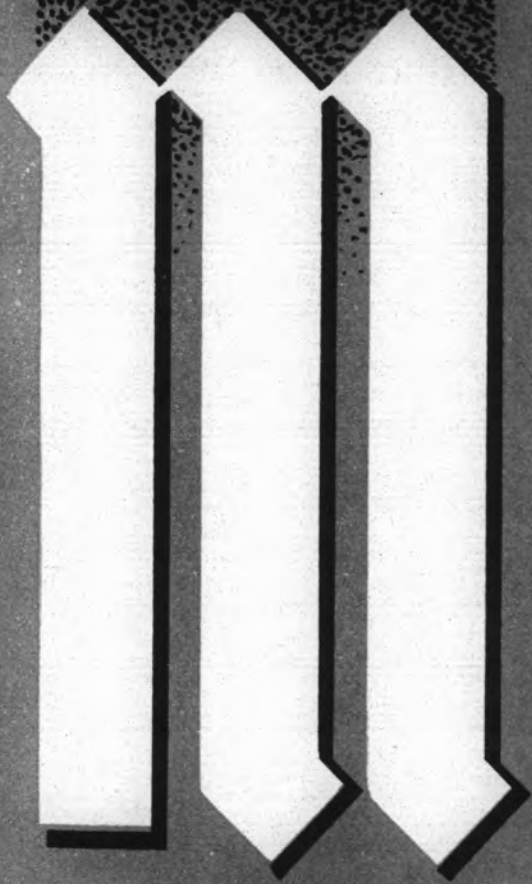
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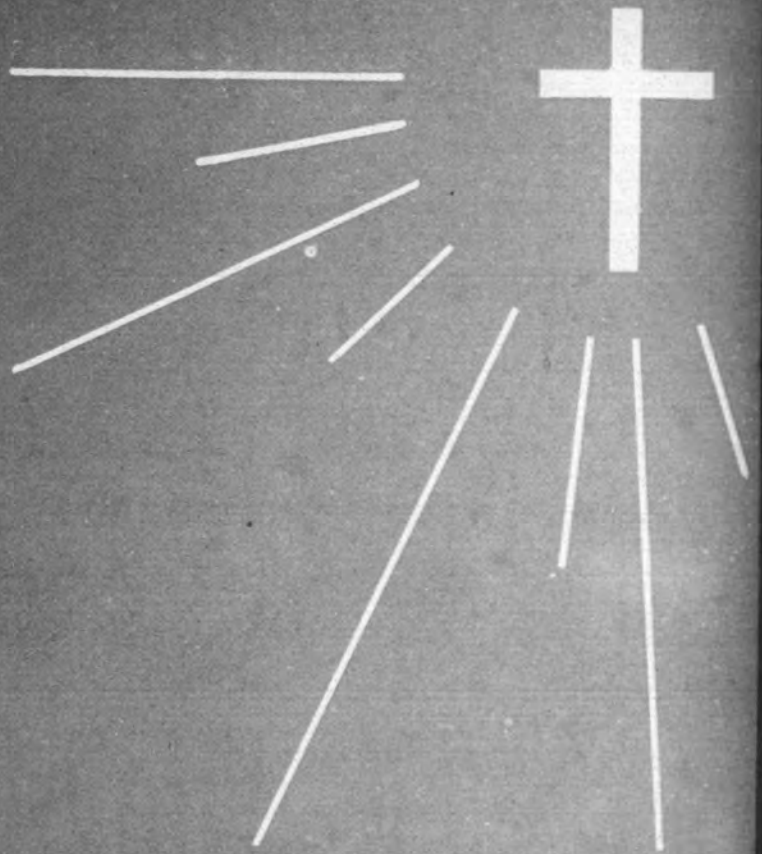
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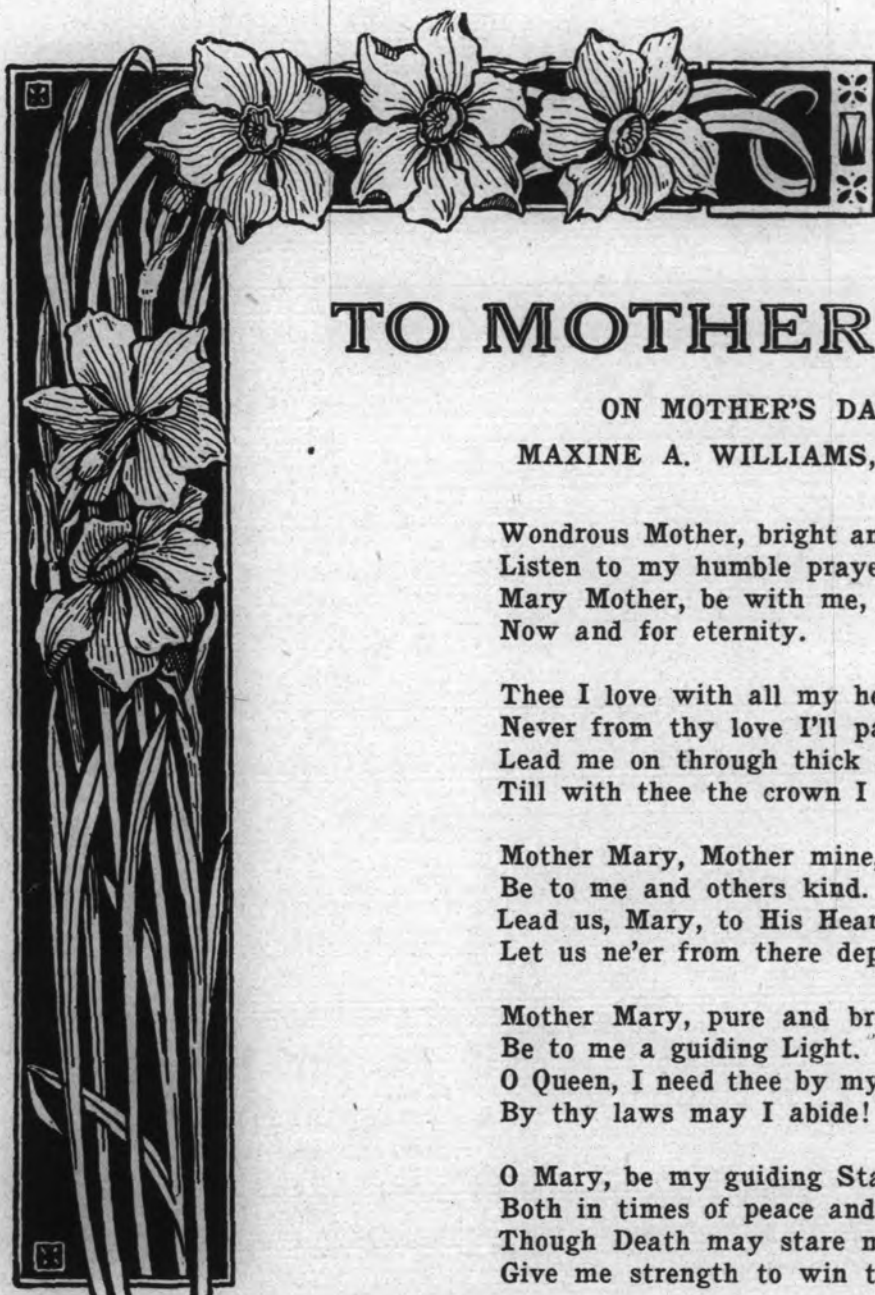
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Listen to my humble prayer;
Mary Mother, be with me,
Now and for eternity.

Thee I love with all my heart,
Never from thy love I'll part;
Lead me on through thick and thin,
Till with thee the crown I win.

Mother Mary, Mother mine,
Be to me and others kind.
Lead us, Mary, to His Heart,
Let us ne'er from there depart.

Mother Mary, pure and bright,
Be to me a guiding Light.
O Queen, I need thee by my side;
By thy laws may I abide!

O Mary, be my guiding Star,
Both in times of peace and war;
Though Death may stare me in the face,
Give me strength to win the race!



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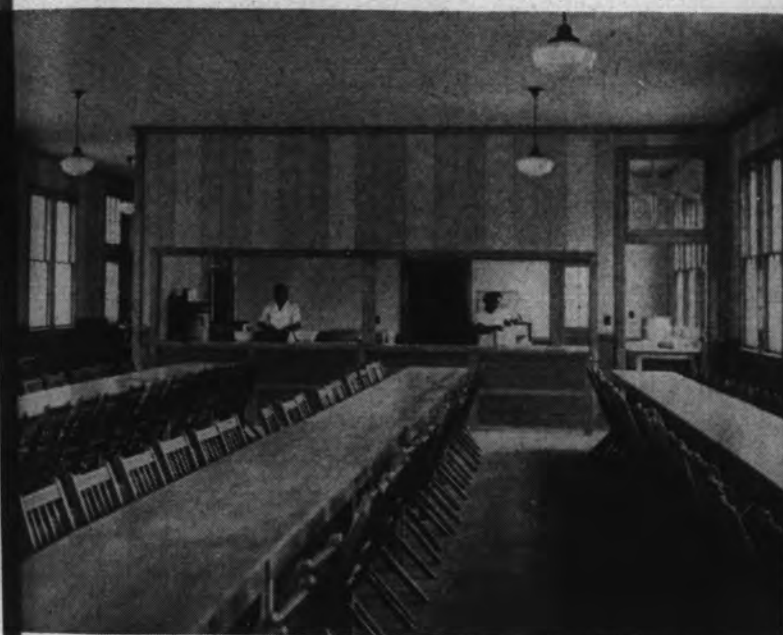




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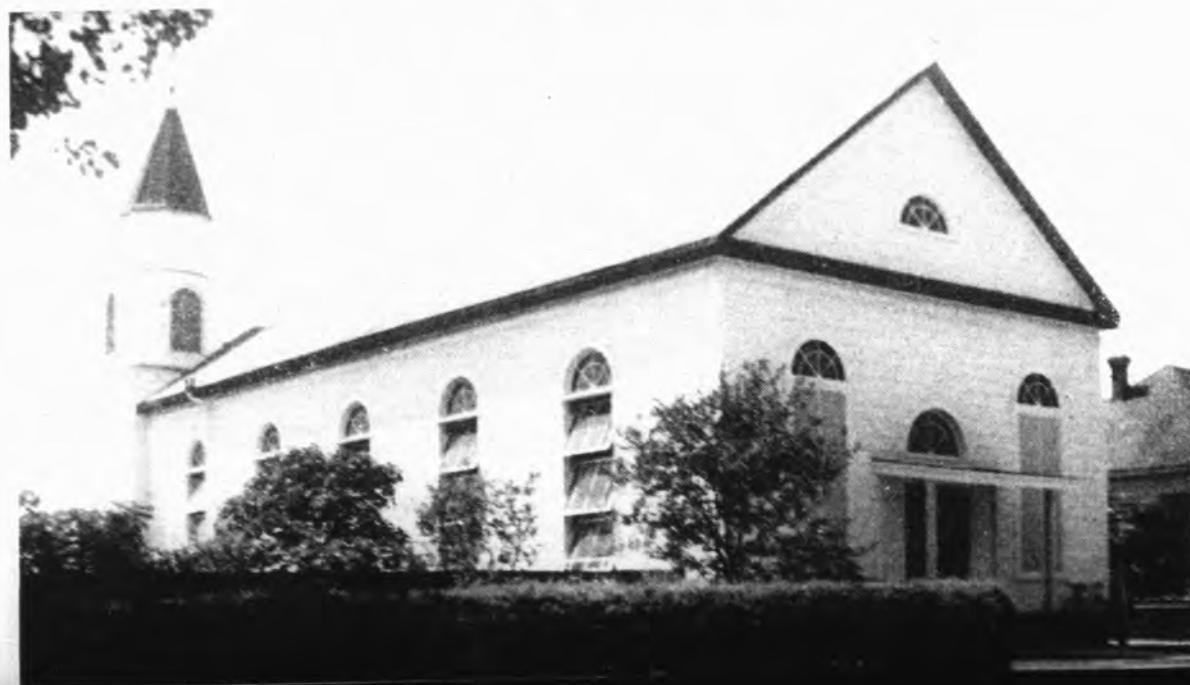
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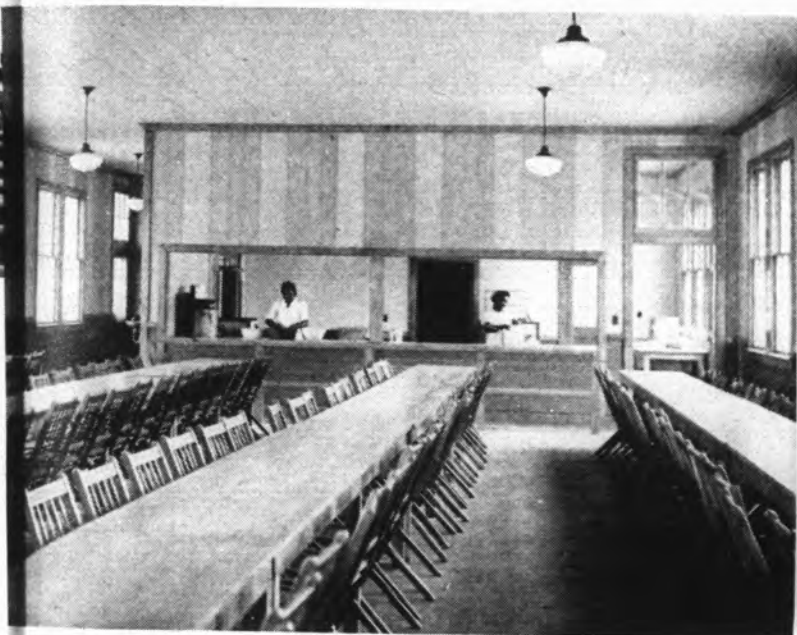




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St. Joseph's, Bohemia, La.		
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St. Nicholas', St. Louis, Mo.		3
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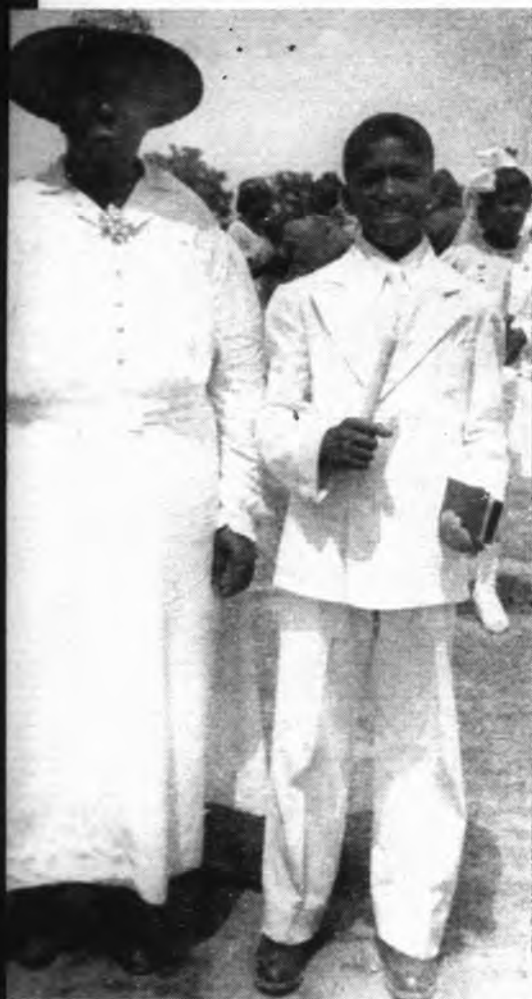


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Corvallis High School, Studio City, Calif. (Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary)
Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy, Pasadena, Calif. (Dominican Sisters)
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Mount Carmel High School, Los Angeles, Calif. (Carmelite Fathers)
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St. Joseph's Academy, Sacramento, Calif. (Sisters of Mercy)
St. Mary's Academy, Los Angeles, Calif. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
St. Mary's College High School, Berkeley, Calif. (Brothers of Christian Schools)

COLORADO

Annunciation High School, Denver, Colo. (Sisters of Charity)
Cathedral High School, Denver, Colo. (Sisters of Charity)
Regis High School, Denver, Colo. (Jesuit Fathers)

ILLINOIS

Academy of Our Lady, Chicago, Ill. (School Sisters of Notre Dame)
Cathedral Boys' High School, Springfield, Ill. (Viatorian Fathers)
Cathedral High School for Boys, Belleville, Ill. (Brothers of Mary)
De La Salle High School, Chicago, Ill. (Brothers of Christian Schools)
Loretto High School, Chicago, Ill. (Ladies of Loretto)
Mundelein Cathedral High School, Chicago, Ill. (Sisters of Charity of B.V.M.)
Notre Dame High School, Quincy, Ill. (School Sisters of Notre Dame)
Our Lady Academy, Manteno, Ill. (Sisters of the Holy Heart of Mary)
Quincy College High School, Quincy, Ill. (Franciscan Fathers)
Sacred Heart Academy, Springfield, Ill. (Dominican Sisters)
St. Casimir Academy, Chicago, Ill. (Sisters of St. Casimir)
St. Francis Xavier Academy, Chicago, Ill. (Sisters of Mercy)
St. Ignatius High School, Chicago, Ill. (Jesuit Fathers)
St. Malachy's High School, Chicago, Ill. (Sisters of Mercy)
St. Patrick's Academy, Mokena, Ill. (Sisters of the Holy Heart of Mary)
St. Philip's High School, Chicago, Ill. (Servite Fathers and Brothers; Viatorian Fathers and Brothers)
Schlarman High School, Danville, Ill. (Sisters of the Holy Cross)

INDIANA

Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, Ind. (Holy Cross Brothers)
Central Catholic High School, South Bend, Ind. (Holy Cross Brothers)
Reitz Memorial High School, Evansville, Ind. (Holy Cross Brothers; Sisters of Providence)
Sacred Heart Academy, Indianapolis, Ind. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
St. Agnes' Academy, Indianapolis, Ind. (Sisters of Providence)
St. John's Academy, Indianapolis, Ind. (Sisters of Providence)
St. Mary's Academy, Indianapolis, Ind. (Franciscan Sisters)
St. Patrick's High School, Terre Haute, Ind. (Sisters of Providence)

IOWA

Catholic Central High School, Ottumwa, Iowa (Sisters of the Holy Humility of Mary)
Immaculate Conception Academy, Dubuque, Iowa. (Franciscan Sisters)
Loras Academy, Dubuque, Iowa. (Diocesan Priests)
Saint Ambrose Academy, Davenport, Iowa (Diocesan Priests)
St. Joseph's Academy, Dubuque, Iowa. (Sisters of Charity of the B.V.M.)
Trinity High School, Sioux City, Iowa (Marianist Fathers and Brothers)

KANSAS

Immaculate Conception High School, St. Mary's, Kansas. (Sisters of Charity)
St. Mary's Academy, Leavenworth, Kansas. (Sisters of Charity)
Ward High School, Kansas City, Kansas. (Sisters of Charity)

MAINE

Cathedral High School, Portland, Maine (Sisters of Mercy)

MASSACHUSETTS

Angel Guardian High School, Boston, Mass. (Brothers of Charity)

MICHIGAN

All Saints' High School, Flint, Mich. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
St. John's High School, Jackson, Mich. (Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary)
St. Matthew's High School, Flint, Mich. (Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary)
St. Michael's High School, Flint, Mich. (Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary)

MINNESOTA

Cretin High School, St. Paul, Minn. (Brothers of Christian Schools)
De La Salle High School, Minneapolis, Minn. (Brothers of Christian Schools)
St. Francis High School, Little Falls, Minn. (Franciscan Sisters)

HONOR ROLL (continued)

St. Joseph's Academy, Crookston, Minn. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
 St. Margaret's Academy, Minneapolis, Minn. (Sisters of St. Joseph)

MISSOURI

St. Louis University High School, St. Louis, Mo. (Jesuit Fathers)

NEBRASKA

Boys Town High School, Boys Town, Nebr. (Lay Teachers)

NEW JERSEY

Bayley High School, Morristown, N. J. (Sisters of Charity)
 Cathedral Catholic Girls' High School, Trenton, N. J. (Sisters of Mercy)
 Holy Spirit High School, Atlantic City, N. J. (Sisters of Mercy)
 Pope Plus XII Memorial High School, Passaic, N. J. (Diocesan Priests; Dominican Sisters)
 St. Bonaventure High School, Paterson, N. J. (Missionary Franciscan Sisters)
 St. Elizabeth's Academy, Convent Station, N. J. (Sisters of Charity)
 St. John's Cathedral High School, Paterson, N. J. (Sisters of Charity)
 St. Joseph's High School, Paterson, N. J. (Sisters of Charity)
 St. Mary's High School, Paterson, N. J. (Dominican Sisters)
 St. Nicholas' High School, Atlantic City, N. J. (Sisters of Mercy)
 Trenton Catholic Boys' High School, Trenton, N. J. (Franciscan Conventual Fathers)

NEW YORK

Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School, Brooklyn, N. Y. (5 Communities of Sisters)
 Canisius High School, Buffalo, N. Y. (Jesuit Fathers)
 Cathedral High School, New York, N. Y. (5 Communities of Sisters)
 Cardinal Hayes High School, New York, N. Y. (Diocesan Priests; 3 Communities of Brothers)
 Fordham Preparatory School, Bronx, N. Y. (Jesuit Fathers and Brothers)
 Holy Family High School, Bronx, N. Y. (Brothers of the Christian Schools)
 Manhattan College Preparatory School, Bronx, N. Y. (Brothers of Christian Schools)
 Mount St. Ursula Academy for Girls, Bronx, N. Y. (Ursuline Sisters)
 Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, New York, N. Y. (Xaverian Brothers)
 St. Agnes' High School, New York, N. Y. (Marist Brothers)
 St. Barnabas High School, Bronx, N. Y. (Sisters of Charity)
 St. Gabriel's High School, New Rochelle, N. Y. (Sisters of Charity)
 St. Joseph's Academy, Schenectady, N. Y. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
 St. Nicholas of Tolentino High School, Bronx, N. Y. (Brothers of Christian Schools; Dominican Sisters)
 St. Simon Stock High School, Bronx, N. Y. (Carmelite Fathers; Sisters of Mercy)

OHIO

Aquinas College High School, Columbus, Ohio (Dominican Fathers)
 Catholic Central High School, Chillicothe, Ohio (Sisters of Charity)
 Catholic Central High School, Springfield, Ohio (Sisters of Charity)
 Central Catholic High School, Toledo, Ohio (Diocesan Priests; Oblates of St. Francis de Sales; 6 Communities of Sisters)
 Chaminade High School, Dayton, Ohio (Marianist Fathers and Brothers)
 Corpus Christi High School, Columbus, Ohio (Franciscan Sisters)
 Elder High School, Cincinnati, Ohio. (Diocesan Priests)
 Holy Family High School, Columbus, Ohio (Sisters of Mercy)
 Holy Rosary High School, Columbus, Ohio (Franciscan Sisters)
 Julianne High School, Dayton, Ohio (Sisters of Notre Dame)
 Mother of Mercy Academy, Cincinnati, Ohio. (Sisters of Mercy)
 Notre Dame Academy, Toledo, Ohio (Sisters of Notre Dame)
 Notre Dame High School, Hamilton, Ohio (Sisters of Notre Dame)
 Our Lady of Angels High School, St. Bernard, Ohio. (Franciscan Sisters)
 Our Lady of Mercy High School, Cincinnati, Ohio (Sisters of Mercy)
 Our Lady of Victory High School, Columbus, Ohio (Sisters of Charity)
 Piqua Catholic High School, Piqua, Ohio (Sisters of Mercy)
 Purcell High School, Cincinnati, Ohio. (Marianist Brothers)
 Regina High School, Norwood, Ohio. (Sisters of the Precious Blood)
 Roger Bacon High School, St. Bernard, Ohio. (Franciscan Fathers)
 Sacred Heart High School, Columbus, Ohio (Franciscan Sisters)
 St. Brigid's High School, Xenia, Ohio (Sisters of Charity)
 St. Gabriel's High School, Glendale, Ohio. (Sisters of Charity)
 St. Joseph's Academy, Columbus, Ohio (Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur)
 St. Mary of the Springs Academy, Columbus, Ohio (Dominican Sisters)
 St. Mary's High School, Cincinnati, Ohio. (Sisters of Charity)
 St. Mary's High School, Columbus, Ohio (Franciscan Sisters)
 Ursuline High School, Youngstown, Ohio (Ursuline Sisters)

PENNSYLVANIA

Academy of the Assumption, Philadelphia, Pa. (Sisters of the Assumption)
 (Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus)
 Academy of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Fountain Springs, Pa.
 (Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary)
 Academy of Notre Dame, Philadelphia, Pa. (Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur)
 Academy of Notre Dame de Namur, Villanova, Pa. (Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur)
 Academy of the Sacred Heart, Philadelphia, Pa. (Religious of the Sacred Heart)
 Academy of the Sisters of Mercy, Philadelphia, Pa. (Sisters of Mercy)
 Academy of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Annunciation High School, Shenandoah, Pa.
 (Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary)
 Bethlehem Catholic High School, Bethlehem, Pa. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
 Catholic District High School for Boys, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Brothers of Mary)
 Cecilian Academy, Philadelphia, Pa. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
 Central Catholic High School, Allentown, Pa. (4 Communities of Sisters)

Central Catholic High School, Johnstown, Pa. (5 Communities of Sisters)
 Central Catholic High School, Reading, Pa. (Sisters of Christian Charity)
 Easton Catholic High School, Easton, Pa. (Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary)
 Harrisburg Catholic High School, Harrisburg, Pa. (3 Communities of Sisters)
 Holy Rosary High School for Girls, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
 John Hallahan Catholic High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (7 Communities of Sisters)
 LaSalle College High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (Brothers of Christian Schools)
 Little Flower Catholic High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (10 Communities of Sisters)
 Mater Misericordiae Academy, Merion, Pa. (Sisters of Mercy)
 Mauch Chunk Catholic High School, Mauch Chunk, Pa.

(Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary)
 Melrose Academy, Philadelphia, Pa. (Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart)
 Mount St. Joseph's Academy, Philadelphia, Pa. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
 Mount St. Michael High School, Reading, Pa. (Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart)
 North Catholic Boys' High School, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Brothers of Mary)
 Northeast Catholic High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (Oblates of St. Francis de Sales)
 Norwood Academy for Boys, Philadelphia, Pa. (Sisters of St. Joseph)
 Notre Dame Catholic Girls' High School, Moylan, Pa. (Sisters of Notre Dame)
 Notre Dame Catholic Girls' High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (Sisters of Notre Dame)
 Notre Dame Catholic Girls' High School, Wynecote, Pa.

(Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur)
 Roman Catholic High School for Boys, Philadelphia, Pa. (Diocesan Priests)
 St. Hubert's Catholic High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (5 Communities of Sisters)
 St. John the Baptist High School for Girls, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Sisters of Charity)
 St. John the Baptist High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (Marianist Brothers; Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary)
 St. Joseph's College High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (Jesuit Fathers)
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 Slovak Girls Academy, Danville, Pa. (Sisters of St. Cyril and Methodius)
 Southeast Catholic High School, Philadelphia, Pa. (Premonstratensian Fathers)
 West Philadelphia Catholic High School, Phila., Pa. (Brothers of Christian Schools)
 West Philadelphia Catholic High School, Phila., Pa. (7 Communities of Sisters)

RHODE ISLAND

St. Xavier's Academy, Providence, R. I. (Sisters of Mercy)

WASHINGTON

Gonzaga High School, Spokane, Wash. (Jesuit Fathers)
 Seattle Preparatory High School, Seattle, Wash. (Jesuit Fathers)

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BRIGHT SPOTS IN THE NEWS

Improves Metal Process

Alfred T. Clarke of Roxbury, a Negro employee in the General Electric factory, received that company's highest award for January suggestions. Mr. Clarke discovered, after several years of work, a new method of silver coating the reflectors. It has been found that the new Clarke method saves time, eliminates waste, steps up efficiency, and produces a better product.

First Negro Nurse

The Methodist Hospital of Gary, Ind., has employed its first Negro nurse. She is Mrs. Iago Robinson, who trained in Richmond, Va. Mrs. Robinson has worked in Washington, D. C., in Greensboro, N. C., and in New York. She describes her job as "just one delightful experience after another." She has encountered no discrimination whatever. The white patients never object to her serving them. She has performed all the duties connected with the job and has the privileges of other staff nurses.

Convert's Donation

Mrs. Clare Booth Luce, former congresswoman, and well known convert to Catholicism, has donated the \$10,000 received from the publication of the story of her conversion to a Catholic Negro maternity hospital to be built in Mobile, Ala. Her article, "Why I Joined the Catholic Church," appeared in two installments in McCall's monthly magazine.

The Spread of Equal Opportunity

The executive committee of the Periodical Correspondents Association voted unanimously to grant membership in the Senate and House Press Galleries to P. L. Prattis, executive editor of the *Pittsburgh Courier*, and magazine representative. This unanimous approval given to Mr. Prattis marks the first time in the history of the Association that a Negro reporter has been given the privilege of sitting in the select Congressional galleries reserved for press representatives. Meanwhile, however, Senator Brooks of Illinois protested against the barring of Louis Lautier, another

Negro newspaper correspondent, from the galleries.

Another Important Appointment

It was announced in the news that Dr. Edward Holloway has been promoted to instructor in cardiology at the Graduate School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Holloway is chief of staff of the Frederick Douglass Hospital.

FEPC Progress

Five States have succeeded in enacting FEPC legislation. They are New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Indiana, and Wisconsin. In Michigan, the Fair Employment bill has the backing and ardent support of His Excellency, the Most Rev. Francis J. Haas, Bishop of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Bishop Haas is chairman of the statewide council behind the bill. Other States seeking action on Legislation to end discrimination because of race, color, religion, or national origin, are Maryland, Utah, West Virginia, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Colorado and California.

Education Against Hate

A newly founded department of intercultural and human relations at the University of Tampa tears hate and prejudice apart and treats them clinically. It was founded by the University president, Dr. Ellwood C. Nance. Dr. Nance says that children are not born bigots, but that their bigotry and prejudice come from the environment, home, parents, movies and school. Therefore in his course, hate-promoting propaganda and news reports are strenuously refuted and proved false. This course against hate sets a new pace in the field of human relations.

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"Quote and Unquote"

- What Others Are Saying Of
- And About the Negro

From the Heart of an Archbishop

"When I was first appointed to my present office I publicly announced as a very necessary policy which I proposed to make my own, that we oppose all the 'anti's' in thought and word and deed. My experiences of the past two years have thoroughly confirmed me in this resolution. There is no room for antagonisms, personal or inherited, on the American scene. Above all, there is no room for bigotry or prejudice in the heart of an American priest."

*Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing, D.D.
Archbishop of Boston
in the American Ecclesiastical Review*

Christ Made No Exceptions

"Race hatred is not uncommon among people who profess to be Christians. The fact that it does exist among Christians shows how far we have departed from the pure and original Christianity of Christ. For the essence of the Christ-life is charity that is universal and absolute. Christ made no exceptions to the law of charity, neither in His teaching nor on the Cross. Today, however, professed Christians are ever attempting to make exceptions. The most notable examples are those who say: 'I don't hate the Negro, but...' In the charity of Christ there are no 'ifs' and 'but's,' no subterfuges, no compromise."

Rev. Raymond P. Etteldorf

Three Requisites

"Peace, harmony, the future of mankind, depend upon an intelligent acceptance of a belief in God as the Creator of man, an acknowledgment of the Natural Law which has its source in God, and a recognition of the rights of persons

flowing from that law. There is no middle ground. These presuppositions, and they alone, secure man in his rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

*Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C.
President, Notre Dame University*

Against the Law of God and Country

"Anything that has any remote resemblance to discrimination is not only Anti-American, but Anti-Christian as well. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, declared that second only to the supreme law binding us to love of God is the law binding us to love our neighbor."

*Most Rev. Francis J. Haas, D.D.
Bishop of Grand Rapids, Mich.*

The Fly in Our Ointment

"The representatives of countries whose inhabitants are not white are vehement in seeing that their people are completely equal. They feel keenly that the United States, which in many aspects is a model, has a dark page in this respect."

*Miss Catherine Schaefer
Assistant General Secretary
National Catholic Welfare Conference*

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With our SVD Fathers on the Colored Missions

Very frequently in these columns our readers come across the names of priests, which are of course, only names to some readers not acquainted with the Fathers mentioned. To us who know the missionaries, they are naturally personalities and characters. Such we want them to become to all of our readers. So we gladly take you to the S.V. D. Missions in the State of Mississippi and invite you to

MEET THE PASTORS!

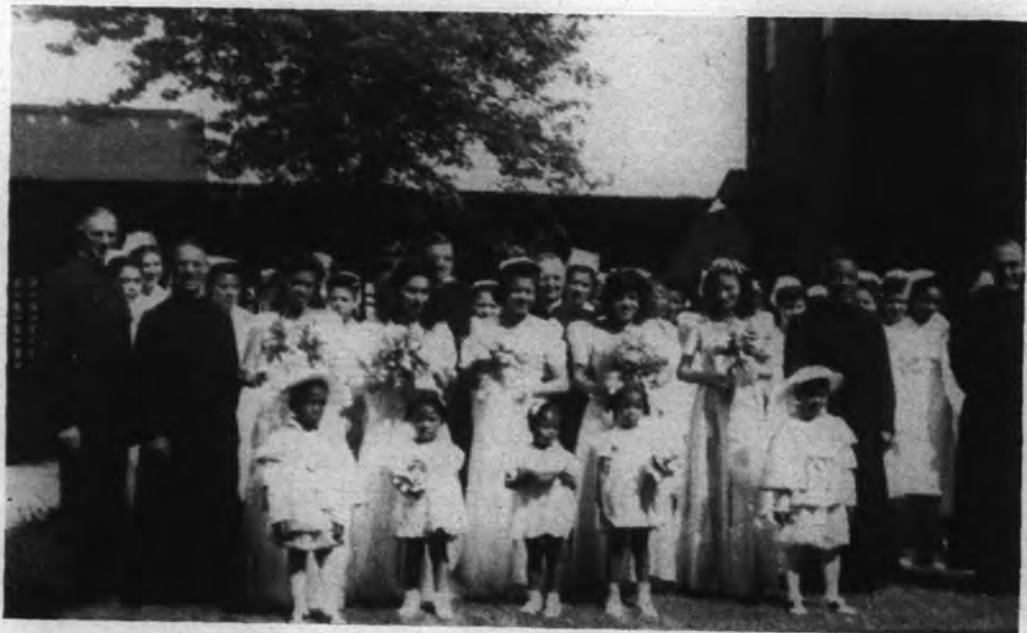
The oldest S.V. D. mission in Mississippi is St. Mary's in Vicksburg, founded in 1906. Father Francis Baltes, S.V. D., is pastor. Father Baltes was born in Rassweiler, Germany. He is an old hand at mission work, though he is new to his present charge, having been appointed there only since September.

Father Baltes was formerly pastor of Holy Ghost Mission, Jackson, Miss., which was started in 1908. The present pastor in Jackson is the Rev. Francis Tetzlaff, S.V. D. Father Tetzlaff is a big jovial man from Dortmund, Germany. He is an accomplished musician and was formerly organist at St.

Mary's Mission House, Techny, Ill., one of the two major seminaries of the Society of the Divine Word in the United States. The organ accompaniment of the hymns in the "Father Wolf's Prayer Book" is his work.

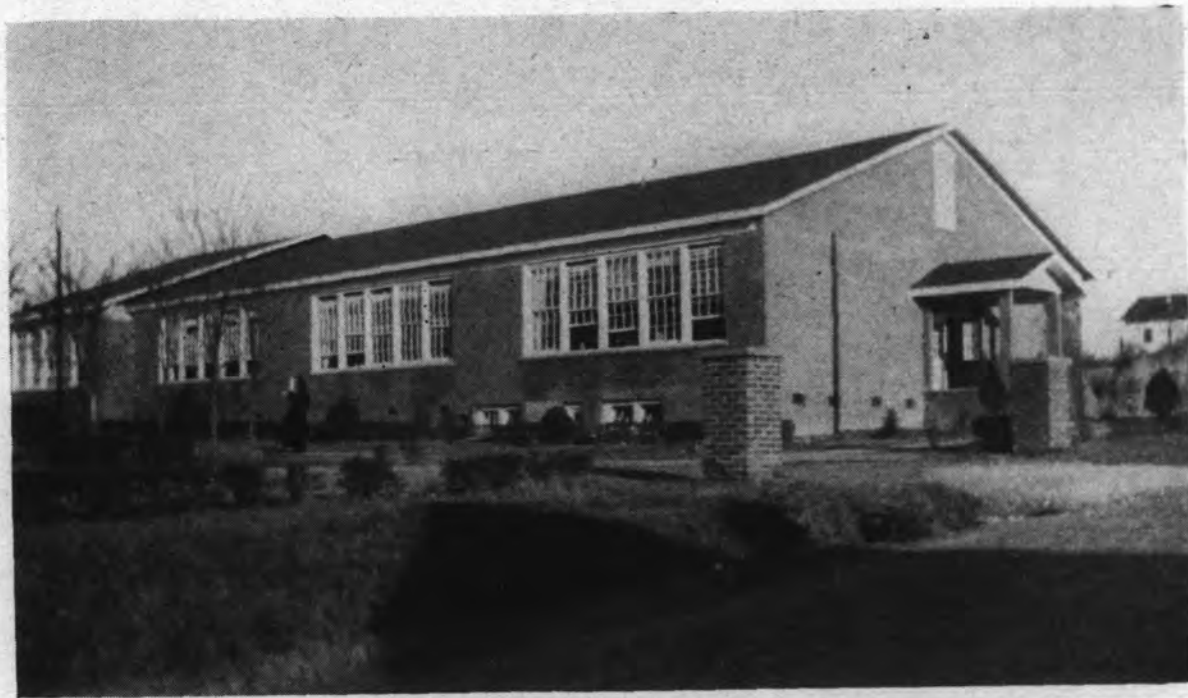
The year 1910 saw the founding of the St. Joseph's Mission in Meridian, Miss. And in the year 1929, Rev. John Gasper, S.V. D., was ordained a priest in Europe and came to the States where he was stationed at St. Augustine's Seminary. There, for about nine years he was prefect of the minor seminarians. Then he served two terms as rector of the same house, and finally became pastor of St. Joseph's. Father Gasper is still remembered as one of the most inspiring and dynamic choir directors the Seminary ever had.

Seventeen Catholics formed the congregation of the Rev. Joseph Stein, S.V. D., in 1913 when he started Sacred Heart Mission in Greenville. Today, under the spiritual guidance of Rev. Theodore Koeller, S.V. D., from Nijmegen, Germany, the number of Catholics is 232. Father Koeller is also a former prefect of the minor seminarians in Bay Saint Louis.



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With our SVD Fathers on the Colored Missions

Very frequently in these columns our readers come across the names of priests, which are of course, only names to some readers not acquainted with the Fathers mentioned. To us who know the missionaries, they are naturally personalities and characters. Such we want them to become to all of our readers. So we gladly take you to the S.V. D. Missions in the State of Mississippi and invite you to

MEET THE PASTORS!

The oldest S.V. D. mission in Mississippi is St. Mary's in Vicksburg, founded in 1906. Father Francis Baltes, S.V. D., is pastor. Father Baltes was born in Rassweiler, Germany. He is an old hand at mission work, though he is new to his present charge, having been appointed there only since September.

Father Baltes was formerly pastor of Holy Ghost Mission, Jackson, Miss., which was started in 1908. The present pastor in Jackson is the Rev. Francis Tetzlaff, S.V. D. Father Tetzlaff is a big jovial man from Dortmund, Germany. He is an accomplished musician and was formerly organist at St.

Mary's Mission House, Techny, Ill., one of the two major seminaries of the Society of the Divine Word in the United States. The organ accompaniment of the hymns in the "Father Wolf's Prayer Book" is his work.

The year 1910 saw the founding of the St. Joseph's Mission in Meridian, Miss. And in the year 1929, Rev. John Gasper, S.V. D., was ordained a priest in Europe and came to the States where he was stationed at St. Augustine's Seminary. There, for about nine years he was prefect of the minor seminarians. Then he served two terms as rector of the same house, and finally became pastor of St. Joseph's. Father Gasper is still remembered as one of the most inspiring and dynamic choir directors the Seminary ever had.

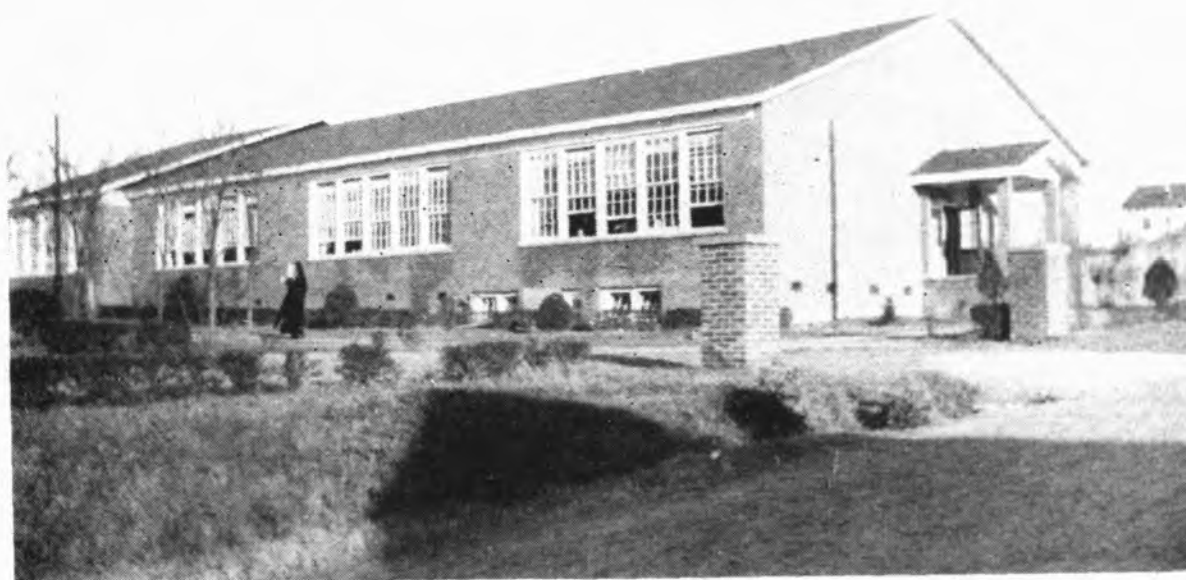
Seventeen Catholics formed the congregation of the Rev. Joseph Stein, S.V. D., in 1913 when he started Sacred Heart Mission in Greenville. Today, under the spiritual guidance of Rev. Theodore Koeller, S.V. D., from Nijmegen, Germany, the number of Catholics is 232. Father Koeller is also a former prefect of the minor seminarians in Bay Saint Louis.



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CHILDREN'S CORNER



My dear Boys and Girls:

Once there was a little non-Catholic girl whose mother was dead. Her father was a Protestant minister. Every Sunday the little girl used to go to church. One Sunday she said to her father: "Daddy, every Sunday when you preach you talk about 'Our Father in Heaven.' Don't we have any 'Mother in Heaven?'"

We Catholics do not have to ask any such question because we know that we certainly DO have a 'Mother in Heaven.' Her name is Mary and she is Jesus' Mother as well as our Mother. What a holy and happy Family we have — God is our Father, Jesus is our Brother and Mary is our Mother! Of course, we must try to be good and worthy members of this Family, and we must try hard to please our Heavenly Father and Mother.

Saying the rosary every day during May is one way of pleasing our Mother Mary, because May is her special month. And when we please the Mother we also please the Son. And God the Father Himself will be greatly pleased because our daily prayer to Mary honors one whom He loves so much. Try it!

MY MAIL BAG

Dear Father Howard: I received my beautiful prize picture of the Child Jesus and the MESSENGER, with which I was very much pleased, and I thank you with all my heart. I am glad that my story won first prize. I am sorry I have taken so long to write and thank you, but with my school work and other things I was sort of busy.

I wish you the best of health and happiness. May God bless you and keep you faithful to the wonderful work you are doing. Respectfully yours,

McLouis Robinet, age 13
Route 1, Box 65
Reserve, La.

It makes me happy to know that you like your holy picture so much. You deserve it, for you have worked very hard on your story. Thanks for your good wishes, and write again sometime.

Dear Father Howard: We are having a letter writing project. Each one in our grade will write to some important person and ask for two of his autographs. Won't you send me yours, please. We thank you in advance for your autographs. Sincerely,

Raymond Irbeck, 2nd grade
Sacred Heart School
Templeton, Iowa

Raymond, you are a regular little psychologist (ask your teacher what that means). I usually don't like to put my autograph on anything (except checks), but since you ask in such a NICE way, well (ahem!), will just TWO autographs be enough? (P.S. In case you can't decipher my autograph when you get it, it is supposed to be "Father Clarence J. Howard, S.V.D.")

Dear Father Howard: This is my first time writing to you. I am trying to make a Saints' scrap book. And also trying to go to Holy Communion on Sundays. I do not go to a Catholic school, but I go to a Catholic church.

I will try to compose a poem to send to you. I read the ST. AUGUSTINE'S MESSENGER from cover to cover. May God bless you now and always. Yours truly,

Jacqueline Prudeaux, 5th grade
2527 London Avenue
New Orleans 19, La.

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Glad to receive your letter, Jacqueline. I am sorry that you do not attend the Catholic school, but I think I know the reason — your parochial school is crowded to the doors at present. Your trying to go to Communion every Sunday is surely very pleasing to the dear Jesus. Keep it up! And by the way, I shall be eagerly waiting for your poem.

Dear Father Howard: I was surprised to see my letter published in the wonderful **MESSENGER**. I am so happy, and I am so proud; you know, this is the first time one of my letters has been published by anyone. Thank you very much.

Our school bazaar was a success. The fifth grade came out first, and we eighth graders came out second. We had a wonderful day. The sun was shining and it was warm.

Pray for me. I pray God's blessing on you. Respectfully yours,

Lenora Bourgeois, age 14
1221 North 31st Street
Baton Rouge, La.

Yes, Lenora, there is a first time for everything. You had your first letter published, and now you've "gone and done it again!" I am glad that it makes you happy, and I will be more than glad if it spurs you on to better letter-writing and better composition. Perhaps some day you may even develop into a real author. Congratulations on the success of your school bazaar!

Dear Father Howard: My grandmother was telling me that she had a nice time when she visited the Seminary. And I hope you will come and see us. I enjoy reading your books, they are very good. I enjoy reading the "Children's Corner." This is the first time I have seen one. I will write you a story about my dog Moe. I go to St. Joseph's Church and School. I am a Catholic. I have a good teacher. I have two brothers and a sister. They are larger than me. I am in the 5th grade. I like to put puzzles together very much.

Please pray for our family. Yours sincerely,

Oleeta Lewis, age 11
214 East 11th Street
Wilmington 48, Del.

P.S. My pastor's name is Father Michael J. O'Neil, S.S.J.

Well, Oleeta, that just about covers everything and everybody. You surely can say a whole lot in a few words. If that is a habit of yours, it is a good habit to have. I happen to know some people who have a habit of saying a very few things in a whole lot of words (*Alright, let's leave the editor out of this, please! — Ed.*) Don't ever get that

habit. Regards to your family; certainly I will remember them in my prayers. Thanks for your nice letter, and write again.

SHORT STORY CONTEST

The Short Story Contest has closed. No more stories will be accepted for the contest. The final winner will be announced next month.

The winner of this month's contest is Ida Williams, a seventh-grader of Illinois Technical School. Here is her fine story:

The Story of Lucia Conway by

Ida Williams, age 13
4910 Prairie Avenue
Chicago 15, Ill.

This story took place in Germany during World War II. A young girl and her little brother were selling antiques on a cold February night so that they could make enough money to buy some hot broth for their sick mother. It seemed very cold as they stood there warming themselves by the antique candle which they were thinking wouldn't be sold, and that thought made the long hours seem to drag.

Lucia noticed that her small brother, Philip, was getting quite sleepy, so she said: "Have courage, Philip, for God will find a way. I think we had better go home for Mother will be worrying about us."

The streets seemed to get darker every minute and the people were taking their washing out of the back yard, for the weatherman had said it would rain. Lucia came in sight of the old crossroad which was a shorter way to her house, but her mother had always warned her about taking this short cut for she feared the German soldiers would put Lucia in a concentration camp as they did when they caught anyone snooping around. They always persecuted the Catholics, and Lucia was a Catholic. Lucia had always obeyed her mother; she would not go that way. But, as she turned to go home by the long way, the rain began to come down in large drops.

"Let's make a run for it," she said to Philip, but Lucia knew she would never make it. It was at least a mile the long way, and the short way was much shorter.

Lucia hesitated. Should she go the short way she might never see her poor mother again, she might be put in a concentration camp. But Philip was tired, very tired, and soaking wet. That made her make up her mind to go the short way.

As Lucia neared the road she wanted to turn and flee, but she went on trying not to show her fear, lest Philip should feel

frightened. She did not like the road because it had so many thickets and trees and was so dark.

"Who is there?" a rough masculine voice broke out suddenly. A terrifying fear took hold of Lucia. She sought some place to hide.

"Down, Philip!" she whispered, and pulled him down behind a large bush. No sooner had she done that than heavy footsteps walked by the bush. A tall, rough-looking German soldier was flashing his flashlight around, but didn't see them.

"No one here," they heard him say. "Must have been my imagination."

Lucia breathed more smoothly as she heard the soldier walking away. "Thank God!" she said.

The girl with her brother continued her journey. When she came to her dilapidated old house and to her sick mother, who was no longer sick but seemed to be very well, she found her drinking hot soup.

"Why, Mother," cried Lucia, "you should be lying down. You know you are very sick."

"No, dear," answered her mother; "a very nice lady came to the door while you were away and brought me a basket of food. She was very beautiful. She told me you had taken the short cut home but told me not to worry because God would take care of you."

"Do you know who she was?" asked Lucia eagerly.

Her mother shook her head. "No. I asked her her name, but she only smiled and disappeared."

"Oh!" exclaimed Lucia, "she didn't tell her name, but who else could it be but our Heavenly Mother?"

The End

Ida wins a large, beautifully colored picture and a year's free subscription to the MESSENGER for this story.

The runners-up are: Louis Charles, 120 College St., St. Martinville, La.; Mary

Jolivette, Sunset, La.; Greta Sausier, Bay Saint Louis, Miss.; and Elmer Huff, Bay Saint Louis, Miss.

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Well, until the next time keep the Colored Missions in your prayers. And don't forget me. Happy sailing during your final examinations!

FATHER HOWARD, S.V.D.
Bay Saint Louis, Miss.

REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS

"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead..."

(2 Mac. 12:46)

In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Most Rev. Thomas H. McLaughlin, D.D., Bishop of Paterson, N. J., who died March 18, 1947;

Rev. Bruno Pryka, S.V.D., who died in Japan, February 4, 1947;

Brother Angelinus, S.V.D., who died in Germany, February 4, 1947;

Brother Kostka, S.V.D., who died in Germany, December 24, 1946;

Brother Placidus, S.V.D., who died in Germany, December 24, 1946;

Sister Mary Bartholomaea, S.Sp.S., who died in Techny, Ill., March 8, 1947;

Sister Mary Brunolfa, S.Sp.S., who died in Austria, February 10, 1947;

Sister Mary Edmundine, S.Sp.S., who died in Holland, February 10, 1947;

Sister Mary Fides, S.Sp.S., who died in Holland, January 29, 1947;

Sister Mary Ursulina, S.Sp.S., who died in Waukegan, Ill., February 1, 1947;

Matthew Burst, who died in New York, N. Y., February 27, 1947;

Edna Chiasson, who died in Lafayette, La., February 28, 1947.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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